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Rockets fired at .lsraeli 'security zone'

dirent by the day Resistance figure two Katyusha rockets on two katyusha near the village of Yater, a stronghold of the Hizboliah group. Yater is 18 kilometres southeast of the southern port city of Tyre. The Katyushas were launched near the site where a senior com-mander of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was seriously wounded Friday in an Israeli helicopter attack on his

Iraq starts building drive in Sudan

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq, labour-ing under a punitive U.N. trade embargo, said Monday its en-gineers and technicians were repairing equipment and helping build roads and bridges in Sudan. "An engineering and technical delegation left Baghdad for Khartoum several days ago to help their Sudanese brethren in the campaign of maintenance and reconstruction," the government newspaper Al Jumhouriyah said. Iraq's minister of housing and construction, Mahmoud Di'ab Al Ahmad, left for Sudan on Sunday for an official visit. "Engineering and technical teams from the ministry were in Sudan recently where they embarked on a comprehensive campaign ... to repair a great quantity of machines and equipment." Al Jumhouriyah quoted Mr. Ahmad as saying

israeli missile official convicted of taking bribery

TEL AVIV (AFP) — The former head of Israel's Heretz antimissile project, Dov Raviv, has been found guilty of pocketing day. Judge Amnon Strachnov of Tel Aviv district court found Sunday that Mr. Raviv took \$175,000 in bribes from a Canadian company and laundered the money through a Swiss bank account. Sentencing is to follow at a later date. Mr. Raviv, 56, was sacked in January 1992 as head of the project to build the Heretz antimissile missile, financed 80 per cent by the United States. He is considered a top military expert and worked for 15 years on sophisticated Israeli arms projects.

Palestinian on trial for disco bombing

BERLIN (AFP) — The trial opened here Monday of a Palestinian suspected of a link with the April 1986 attack on the West Berlin discotheque, La Belle, that triggered the U.S. bombing raid on Libya nine days later. The 37-year-old man, Imad Mahmoud, was charged with abetting a Palestinian commando unit that was allegedly inspired and equipped by Libya to carry out an attack on U.S. soldiers in West Berlin. Mr. Mahmoud listened quietly as the charges were read out, and then said only: "I am innocent."

Mechanical failure behind Afghan crash

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) — Mechanical failure was the probable cause of a helicopter crash that killed two U.S. journalists and 13 Afghans, according to rescue workers who retrieved the bodies. The bodies of Sharon Herbaugh, 39, the Pakistan bureau chief of the Associated Press, and of freearthol bulley lance journalist Natasha Singh, 28, were flown to Islamabad Sunday on a U.N. flight from this northern Afghan border town. The crash was Friday.

ALGIERS (AFP) - Algerian security forces killed eight armed Islamic activists and seized four automatic weapons in separate incidents overnight and on Sunday, police said Monday. Two of the alleged fundamentalist "terrorists" were killed and one was injured when police chased four men preparing to carry out a holdup in the east Algiers suburb of Hussein-Dey Sunday. The fourth man escaped.

Peace talks said set for April 27

Arafat, Assad hold talks in Latakia; ministers meet formally in Damascus

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — communicated to the meeting in Syria and the United States have Damascus of the other Arab parproposed restarting the Middle East peace negotiations on April 27. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Monday before meeting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

"Syrain Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher agreed on this date," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying by journalists on the plane from

Cairo to Latakia, Syria. Washington and Moscow, the sponsors of the peace talks, invited the Arabs and Israelis to resume the stalled negotiations in Washington Tuesday, but the Palestinians said conditions for the talks had not been met.

"I hope that the obstacles will be removed by then and that there will be no other delay," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying. Mr. Arafat said that the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Palestinian delegates to the peace talks were to meet in Amman later Monday to formulate a position on the nego-

This position was then to be bers.

offered to boost financial support for the Palestinians to reduce the

Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion's (PLO) isolation and en-

courage it to resume peace talks,

The delegates said Saudi Fore-

ign Minister Prince Saud Al Fais-

al had called on other Gulf states

to release PLO money blocked

since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in

They said Prince Saud was to

League meeting Sunday he would

discuss the financial strains of

Palestinians in the Israeli-

occupied territories and the pros-

pects for a resumption of peace

After the PLO expressed sup-

port for Iraq, Gulf countries froze

financial aid and halted a five-

per-cent tax deducted from

Palestinian workers in the Gulf

Cairo-based political analysts

and channelled to the PLO.

talks, the sources said.

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gates said Monday.

funds in Gulf

Saudis to free PLO

ties to the talks - Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. The meeting is to decide on Arab conditions for

resuming the peace talks.
Mr. Sharaa, who was in the same plane with Mr. Arafat, refused to mention a date for the resumption of the talks.

Journalists travelling with him quoted him as saying that the Damascus meeting would announce "a common Arab position and nothing will be revealed before then."

Mr. Arafat said he was going to examine "in detail" with President Assad all obstacles blocking the peace process. Arab delegates said the Arafat-

Assad meeting, the first in a year, took place in Qardahah, Mr. Assad's hometown which is near Latakia on the Mediterranean

At the meeting were members of the Palestinian negotiating team Faisal Husseini, Saeb Erakat and Hanan Ashrawi as well as PLO Political Department head Farouk Kaddoumi and two other PLO Executive Committee mem-

that a month of intense bargain-ing over whether to attend the

Mr. Sharaa.

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Mr. Assad was accompanied by

Vice president Abdul Halim

Khaddam, Mr. Sharaa and the

minister of state for foreign

affairs, Nasser Kaddur, according

Journalists asked Mr. Sharaa

about U.S. assurances about the

terms of the peace talks, and reportedly replied: "Contacts are continuing on this subject."

Mr. Arafat said the Palesti-

nians wanted to delay the talks

because Israel had not resolved

the crisis over its expulsion of

Palestinians to Lebanon in De-

cember as well as those expelleed

They were also angry over the closure of the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank last month,

which he reportedly described as

a "second occupation."
Foreign ministers Fares Buez

of Lebanon and Kamel Abu Ja-

ber of Jordan who were also on the plane with Mr. Arafat and

The meeting between Mr. Assad and Mr. Arafat suggested

to Arab delegates.

Fire guts Waco cult compound

WACO (AP) - The compound where cult léader David Koresh and 95 followers holed up for 51 Monday after federal agents in an armoured vehicle smashed the buildings and pumped in tear-gas. The Justice Department said cult members set the fire.

The fate of the Branch Davidian leader - who at times during the siege had predicted an apocalyptic end - was not immediately known. One person could be seen jumping off a roof; one emerged with his hands up. Shortly after noon (1700 GMT), smoke began pouring out of several second-floor windows. Within 10 minutes, one end of the

in flames, which raced across the building, fed by high winds.
The blaze appeared to move unusually fast through the compound, indicating that an accelerant might have been used. Huge clouds of smoke rose into the air from the complex of interlocking buildings. A watchtower

that had become familiar in tele-

vision shots of the siege col-

wooden compound was engulfed

lapsed. Caroline Aronovitz, a Justice Department spokeswoman in Washington, said two people were seen at the compound starting the fire at opposite ends of the complex. She said they were

members of the cult. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) spokesman Nestor Michnyak said the tear-gas used

in the compound was non-Waco fire trucks were called in.

About an hour after the fire started, they were seen pouring water on the buildings. Ambulances drove onto the compound. The fire began moments after an armoured vehicle rammed one

of the buildings as part of a six-hour assault. At dawn, FBI agents in a tank-like vehicle with a battering ram had begun ripping holes in the walls of the compound. Agents were met by heavy gunfire but no injuries, were reported. The FBI said its agents did not return the fire. At a news briefing about a half hour before the fire began, FBI spokesman Bob Ricks had said: "At this point we're not negotiat-

ing. We're saying come out.

Come out your hands up. This

matter is over." The assault was by far the most aggressive action taken by the federal government since a gun battle of Feb. 28 that began the siege. Four federal agents died and 16 were injured in the shootout, and cult leaders have said six of their members were killed.

Hoar ends Jordan visit

AMMAN (J.T.) — General Joseph Hoar, commander of the U.S. Central Command, left Amman Monday at the end of a several-day visit during which he was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Prime Minister Shar-if Zeid Ben Shaker, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Abdul Hafez Mirai and other senior officials.

The Jordan News Agency. Petra, said the Regent met with Gen. Hoar and a delegation accompanying him Monday (see photo) and discussed Jordanian-American rela-



tions and cooperation in all The Regent reviewed the latest developments in the

Arab and international scenes and answered queries raised by members of the attache in Jordan, it said.

U.S. delegation, it said. The meeting was attended by senior Armed Forces officials and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roger Harrison as well as the U.S. military

Israeli army blocks aid for besieged Gaza Strip

pied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers stopped a convoy of aid Monday and confiscated food, clothing and blankets meant for Palestinians confined to the occupied Gaza Strip for three weeks.

Military authorities blocked the five-truck convoy from entering the strip, calling the effort by the leftist Hadash party and Arab Israelis "a political act."

An army spokesman said the military would give the clothes and blankets to Gazans in need but would return the food, which included flour, rice and sugar, to

the convoy's organisers.

"No-one is going bungry in Gaza, there is abundant food, and the members of parliament know this," the spokesman said. Israel's cabinet decided Sunday to extend the closure which had prevented tens of thousands of

pied West Bank from working in the Jewish state.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ordered the occupied territories closed after attacks in which 13 Israelis were killed last month. Two Hadash members of par-

liament who accompanied the convoy called the closure an Israeli attempt to force Palesti-nians back to Middle East peace talks suspended since Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians to Lebanon in December.

"The closing of Gaza is a crime, and one of its goals is to make the Palestinian people suffer from hunger," parliament de-puty Hashem Mahameed told a

meeting of Gaza businessmen.

Israel's Peace Now Movement, which advocated an Israeli military withdrawal from the occupied territories, Monday voiced sup-

measure because the closure of the territories shows the Israelis that separation is the most realistic solution," Peace Now spokesman Tsali Reshef told a press

conference

"Mixing the Israeli and Palestinian people is being paid with blood," Mr. Reshef said in reference to the killings of 15 Israelis and 26 Palestinians last month. Gaza was sealed off on March 28 and the West Bank was closed two days later.

"It is an intelligent and positive

Peace Now said Israel should take a "brave peace initiative" to kickstart stalled Arab-Israeli peace talks to "give hope to inhabitants of the region."

"The government must start a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said Peace Now Secretary Generport for the indefinite closure of

'Poverty report is not frightening'

By Samir Shafiq Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A committee which was entrusted late February to prepare a report on poverty in Jordan has accomplished its task and will present its findings to the prime minister in the next few

According to a high-ranking official, the report is now in the hands of the minister of planning who is drawing key notes from the report and trying to include it in an overall comprehensive review to the presented to international donor countries institu-

tions in May-June this year. The poverty report was demanded by the World Bank, which had done its own report on the subject, to see how the Jordanian government views the social impact on the people in the process of implementing the economic structural adjustment program-

The report is also intended as a comparison document and a measurement of accuracy to the World Bank report, the official told the Jordan Times.

The official, who preferred anonymity, refused to reveal any data or information except to say that the report "is not frightening" and that its main scope "is mainly in linking poverty to un-employment" which the government sees as a key danger to avoid poverty from widening.

He hinted that by highlighting the threat of unemployment rather than poverty, Jordan hopes to convince the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of the social danger of cutting the civil

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Bitter feud in Pakistan after Sharif is toppled

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will be arrested if corruption charges are confirmed, the acting premier said Monday, indicating the country's power

struggle could escalate. Mr. Sharif's government was dismissed Sunday night by Presi-dent Ghulam Ishaq Khan, capping a two-month battle for supremacy between Pakistan's two most powerful men. Mr. Sharif

began rallying loyalists Monday to challenge his dismissal. Mr. Ishaq Khan deposed Mr. Sharif after the prime minister threatened to repeal the constitutional amendment that gave the presidency much of its power. including the right to appoint the

military's commander. Rather than act as a check, the 1985 amendment created conflicting power centre that have repeatedly clashed. Mr. Sharif's was the third government to be dismissed in five years.

Previously, Pakistan had been mostly under military rule since its independence in 1947. Acting Prime Minister Balkh Sher Mazari, who will head the

14, said early Monday that he would act on the president's accusations of corruption if they could be proven. A defiant Sharif dared the

president to prove his charges. "If I have committed any crime, let him fight me in court, he told the Associated Press during a rally of hundreds of his party faithful. The dissolution has been con-

demned by the whole nation. We have the support of the people. he said. Parliament Speaker Gohar Avub, a Sharif supporter, peti-

tioned the high court to issue an injunction against the presidential decree. The court will hear the case Tuesday. Mr. Sharif moved out of the

prime minister's official residence early Monday and planned a whistle-stop train journey to his home town of Lahore Tuesday to begin his political revival. Followers promised mass demonstrations in Punjab, Mr. Sharif's home province, which

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|Demirel may succeed Ozal as head of state

mentators Monday tipped Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel to win an awkward race for president after Turgut Ozal's sudden

death Saturday, Mr. Demirel has yet to confirm he will be a contender, but he told Hurriyet newspaper such expectations were natural. "It is natural for the people to

consider this for me as a person who has been in Turkish politics for 30 years," he said. A 10-day nomination period begins on April 27. Parliament

has a further 20 days to choose a new president. Mr. Demirel said his duty was to avert any succession crisis, but Mr. Ozal's unexpected demise

has plunged Turkey into an imbroglio which could upset the existing political equation. The conundrum for politicians

is how to replace Mr. Ozal without subjecting the nation to more of the ill-tempered cohabitation which marked the late president's relations with Mr. Demirel. For would-be presidents, the dilemma is how to secure the top

job without destroying their own

ships will carry any cargo in

said. Furthermore, he added,

"all exporters and shippers

provide us with every neces-

sary document, including U.N.

permission wherever neces-

sary, at the point of origin,

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ports which abide by the sanc-

The Omdurman, which took

on its cargo from Belgian, Ger-

man and British ports, was the

Al Abiad, another Sudanese

tions to the letter.

violation of the sanctions,'

Sinc parliament is to elect the new president, ordinary Turks will have no direct say in whether they get a dynamic, opinionated head of state such as Mr. Ozal or an even-handed figurehead who will not meddle in politics.

Turkish columnists said Mr. Demirel was the strongest potential candidate, but warned that taking on the presidency could carry heavy consequences for him and his True Path Party (DYP). They predicted that such a

move would cause the break-up of the 17-month-old coalition between the centre-right DYP and the Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) led by Erdal Inonu. Mr. Demirel, 69, may want to

crown his long political career with a seven-year stint as head of state. But Sabah columnist Ahmet Tan said it could be political suicide for him to step down as prime minister before fulfilling election promises.

"If Baha (father, Demirel's nickname) deserts the government in favour of a post lacking responsibility he cannot justify this to his party or the public."

Aqaba-bound ship turned away - third this month By P.V. Vivekanand the government. "It is inconceivable that our

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A Sudanese-flag ship under charter to a largely Jordanian government-owned shipping company was intercepted and prevented from proceeding to the port of Agaba by the enforcers of the international embargo against Iraq in the third incident of its kind this month, the head of the company said Monday.

Yasser Al Tal, directorgeneral of the Jordan National Shipping Lines, said the vessel, Omdurman, was carrying 12,000 tonnes of general cargo bound for the Jordanian market from Europe.

Inspectors based on an American frigate, part of the international force patrolling the Red Sea to enforce the sanctions against Iraq, boarded the vessel in the Tiran Straits at the mouth of the Gulf of Agaba and ordered it to turn. back, Mr. Tal told the Jordan

"Despite the captain's offer to ensure inspection accessibility to all the cargo, including those in the lower hold, the inspectors demanded that the vessel unload part of the cargo at some other port before being allowed to proceed to Aqaba," Mr. Tal said. The cargo that the inspectors

wanted unloaded included 200 tonnes of water pipes and some containers as well as some mobile cranes, he said. Subsequently, the vessel had no choice but to proceed to

Port Suez to meet with the demands of the inspectors, Mr. Tal said, adding: This diversion is going to cost at least \$50,000 extra, and

we have no choice but to reflect it on our charges from the importers." Mr. Tal noted that the Jordan National Shipping Lines is 75 per cent government-owned

and its operations are strictly

guided by the policies set by

third ship to be intercepted and prevented from proceeding to Aqaba this month. vessel, and the Windfield, a

Norwegian ship, were blocked at the Tiran Straits on April 7 and April 14 respectively. The vessels, carrying general cargo and newsprint for the Jordanian market, were diverted to other Red Sea ports to unload part of their cargo.

In both cases the reason cited by the inspectors was inaccessibility to cargo for in-

spection. "It seems that whenever a new frigate takes up position (as part of the sanction enforcers), it makes it a point to intercept and turn back two or three ships bound for Agaba." said Mr. Tal, quoting an old proverb: "New brooms sweep the roof."

Jordanian shipping agents and merchants made their long-standing concerns known to a group of officers from the international force in the Red Sea who visited Jordan three weeks ago and were hoping that the overzealous inspection methods would be relaxed. Mr. Tal said.

"The costly diversions and discharging of cargo elsewhere and the subsequent transshipment are damaging the national economy and leading to increased prices in the market," he noted.

8 'terrorists' killed in Algeria

attempts. Two U.S. planes patrolling the

efforts to better ties BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said Monday the U.S. administra-

ated attacks. "It seems the new American administration does not want to

determined to remain steadfast, cling to our right and rage with anger at the wicked scoundrels (U.S. and allies) on whom God's wrath is bound to fall," Al Thaw-

that the American attack was unjustified and could be described only as "hostile and arro-

He warned the Clinton administration that steps by the former Bush administration against Iraq-"turned out to be a complete failure (because) Iraq remains steadfast to its rights and shall not be terrorised by such

northern "no-fly" zone fired a missile at an anti-aircraft missile battery Sunday.

CAIRO (R) - Saudi Arabia has States, was aimed at easing the PLO's isolation and encouraging Palestinians to go to the talks.
Palestinians believe an improvement in the PLO's finances would help stem rising support in

a territories for the hardline Hamas movement, which opposes the peace process. The diplomatic and Palestinian sources said Prince Saud also announced his Gulf oil rich country would increase financial sup-

port for the United Nations Re-lief and Works Agency (UN-RWA), which cares for hundreds of thousands of Palestinian remeet Faisal Al Husseini, the Palestinian negotiators' chief coordinator, in Cairo Monday. Prince Saud told an Arab UNRWA said in a report to Arab delegates that lack of funds had made it impossible for the agency to keep up its educational,

> Palestinians (see page 2) The end of Gulf funding has caused a crisis in some Palestinian institutions. PLO sources said university teachers in the occupied territories had not been paid for three months, hospitals in Nablus and Gaza were suffering and thousands of students had

social, and health services to the

said the gesture from the king-dom, a main ally of the United been deprived of scholarships. Iraq: U.S. ignored

tion of President Bill Clinton had ignored its efforts to improve relations and Baghdad could not remain silent in the face of repesaid the planes retaliated after

use its mind (to review) its overall aggressive attitude and conduct towards Iraq," the Baath Party daily Al Thawra said.
"This new American aggression will only make us more

ra said. Vice-President Tareq Aziz told the official Iraqi News Agency

Iraq said three soldiers were wounded and called the attack provocative, hostile behaviour. The U.S. European command's headquarters in Germany

radar locked on to them. The government newspaper Al Jumhouriyah said "professional criminals and murderers in the Pentagon" had sent the planes. Nine days earlier, four U.S. planes patrolling the zone dropped cluster bombs on an Iraqi anti-aircraft position close to Mosul, which is 400 kilometres

north of Baghdad. Hoping for better ties with the new U.S. administration, Iraq offered Mr. Clinton a unilateral ceasefire on Jan. 19 and said it would stop flying planes in the southern and northern "no-fly" Al Thawra said Iraq had hoped

for "a new chapter of dealing (with Washington) that would have reflected positively on the conditions in the whole region." Al Qadissiya, the Defence Ministry newspaper, said that the latest air attack showed Washington "rejects all the moral rules calling for peace through dialogue and on the basis of mutual

In Washington, the Defence

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Mubarak replaces interior minister; militants happy

By Dalia Baligh The Associated Press

CAIRO - President Hosni Mubarak has appeased Muslim radicals by firing his interior minister, whose harsh campaign failed to stanch anti-government violence and raised accusations of human rights abuses.

The new minister has firsthand experience with the militants and is a known crusader against corruption, one of the radicals' main complaints in their holy war to replace Egypt's secular government with strict Islamic rule. Moreover, police Major

General Hassan Al Alfy, 57, is not a member of Mr. Mubarak's political party, which is sure to win favour with militants. It was uncertain how widely

Gen. Hassan's policies may differe from his predecessor, Abdul Halim Musa. But analysts expect the militants to suspend attacks on tourist sites and other areas as they await his first move. A senior extremist leader of the Islamic Group in the trouble spot of Assiut, 320 kilometres

south of Cairo, immediately welcomed the new minister's appointment Sunday. The Islamic Group has received with happiness the news

that Al Alfy has been appointed," said Mahmoud Sayed Selim, leader of the group's military branch, in a statement to reporters.

"We know that he is honest and against corruption," he said.

By Mohammad Ali Saed

Agency France Press

KHARTOUM - A ceasefire

that is apparently holding and

agreement for a date on new talks

have caused hopes to rise that a

lasting peace is possible in

Observers here see the new

optimism as a sharp contrast to

the anticipated offensive that the

government appeared to be plan-

ning to recapture territories in

south Sudan still under the rebel

Sudan People's Liberation Army

The government was believed

to be planning operations similar

to the code-named "Operation

Sudan.

(SPLA).

"He knows a lot about us. His appointment could decrease the confrontation between us and the

security authorities." The Islamic Group has about 200,000 supporters, many men in their 20s, and about 10,000 are believed to be armed. After targeting security forces and members of the Coptic Christian community, they turned on foreign tourists last year and have already caused a 50 per cent drop in tourism. Egypt's top foreign

currency earner.

The leader of the group is said to be radical Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, who faces deportation from the United States. At least four of the suspects in the Feb. 26 World Trade Centre bombing that killed six people and wounded more than 1,000 attended the blind cleric's sermons at a mosque in New Jersey.

As governor of Assiut for the past two years, Gen. Al Alfy has dealt directly with the extremists. Shortly after Mr. Mubarak swore him in, Gen. Al Alfy told reporters of the need to establish

'safety and security for everyone in Egypt and a decisive and effective confrontation with extremists and terrorists." In brief remarks, he blamed

difficult economic circumstances and unemployment for the spread of extremism.

Since the beginning of 1992, 139 people have been killed in clashes, most of them militants. Critics have accused the govern-ment of abusing human rights and

Summer Crossing" last year in

which government troops suc-

ceeded in retaking several major

towns, including Torit, the SPLA

However, the authorities have

stronghold, from rebel control.

responded positively to a cease-

fire declared unilaterally last

March by the SPLA main faction

The ceasefire between Col.

Garang's men and government troops was still holding and had

even extended to include other

SPLA factions, according to gov-ernment spokesman Ali Al Haj

Mohammad at a press conference

led by Colonel John Garang.



Abdul Halim Musa

fostering violence with violence. In his last week in office, Mr. Musa opened a dialogue with the radicals through a committee of religious leaders. Mr. Musa apparently angered the government by discussing the mediation publiciy.

Prime Minister Atef Sedki denied the government was talking with the radicals.

There cannot be a dialogue with these criminals who kill innocent people and strike against the interest of the nation," he told reporters after Gen. Al Alfy was sworn in.

Hisham Mubarak, a lawyer who studies the militants' antigovernment campaign, said the ministerial change will bring a temporary truce between the government and the extremists.

"The upcoming period will witness a reduction of violent acts," he told the Associated Press. "The Islamic Group will give the new minister a chance and will test him. It will not escalate anything unless police start first.'

Garang in the Nigerian capital

Abuja. He said he had accused

Col. Garang of using the cease-

fire with the government as an

opportunity to purge his rival

encouraged by an encounter

arranged by Ugandan President

Yoweri Museveni between Col.

Garang and Mr. Mohammad at

the northern Ugandan town of

Entebbe, and by the latest meet-

ing in Abuja where Nigerian

mediators obtained an agree-

ment on substantive talks to be

The Abuja negotiations would

held in Abuja on April 26.

Peace prospects were further

Ceasefire, fresh talks raise peace hopes in Sudan

factions.

Iraq to allow visits by Iranian pilgrims

NICOSIA (Agencies) — A senior Iraqi official says his country is ready to admit Iranian pilgrims, the official Islamic Redelegation at the congress was "a public News Agency (IRNA) reported Monday.

The invitation was extended Sunday by Iraq's deputy minister of endowments and religious affairs, Hamed Al Qabisi, who is in Iran to attend a religious congress, according to the agency, which is monitored in Nicosia.

His presence at the gathering as well as the invitation to pilgrims, is a sign of growing cooperation between Iran and Iraq, which fought a bloody war from 1980-88. Diplomatic relations between

the two countries remain strained. Iran accuses Baghdad of harbouring Iranian rebels, while Iraq accuses Tehran of aiding Shiite Muslim rebels operating in southern Iraq.

But recent reports indicate that Iran is sending food worth millions of dollars into Iraq in return for cement and fertilizer. The trade is prohibited by U.N. sanctions imposed after lraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Mr. Qabisi is in Iran at a congress honouring Sheikh Mufid, a Shiite Muslim scholar who died in 1022. The three-day conference, which began Saturday, is being held in the Iranian city of Qom, the centre of Shiite learning in Iran, IRNA said.

The conference has drawn scholars and researchers from 25

excluding rival factions.

Mr. Mohammad told the press

conference that the government

gave priority to talks with Col.

Garang because he had become

the "brandname" worldwide for

However, he added, the talks

with Col. Garang would not bar

them from having similar talks with the other rebel factions.

delegation would travel to Kenya

in the near future to meet these

factions and explore their posi-

Since the 1991 overthrow of

hardline leader Mengistu Haile

Mariam in neighbouring Ethiopia, the SPLA has splin-tered, with three dissident fac-

tions led by former Garang aides.

For this reason, a government

the rebel movement.

tions, he said.

activist shot dead Mr. Qabisi told the news agenin Sidon cy that the presence of an Iraqi

Arafat

sign of improvement of Tehran-Baghdad ties," the news agency SIDON (AP) — Two gunmen assassinated á regional comman-Sites holy to Shifte Muslims are der of Yasser Arafat's mainin the Iraqi cities of Karbala. Najaf, Kazmin and Samara. IRNA said Mr. Qabisi "destream Fateh faction Monday in South Lebanon, the latest death in a war with the Abu Nidal

clared his country's readiness to admit Iranian pilgrims." Police said the assailants Mr. Qabisi was willing to dispumped 11 bullets from silencercuss arrangement for visits to equipped pistols into Dr. Ibrahim Karbala, Najaf, Kazmin and Turkiyeh, who served as chief Samara, it said. dentist for the U.N. Relief and Iranians could not visit them Works Agency and the Palestiduring the Iran-Iraq war or after Baghdad's invasion of Kuwait in

group said Iran's army began

shelling its headquarters in north-

ern fraq Monday in preparation

nian Kurdistan (PDKI) said the

attack was concentrated near

Ranya just inside the western-

imposed "no-fly" zone in north-ern Iraq and could lead to "wide-

spread killing and destruction."

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Rek Machar and Lam Akol

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organisation under Mr. Rek

Observers anticipate consider-

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cating a federal system in which

Sudan would be divided into nine

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Mr. Rek Machar is known to

favour the more radical position

of full secession for south Sudan.

European office in Paris.

The Islamic Republic (of

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for a ground attack.

port city of Sidon. August 1990. Dr. Turkiyeh, 47, Fateh's commander in Sidon, was attacked Shells hit Kurds in Iraq outside a medical depot in downtown Sidon at 10 a.m. (0700 An Iranian Kurdish rebel

GMT). Police said they believed Dr. Turkiyeh's assassination was the latest in a series of tit-for-tat killings between Fateh and Abu Nidal's breakaway Fateh-Revolu-

nian Red Crescent Society in the

tionary Council.

At least 25 people on both sides have been killed since last

In another incident that could be related to the Fateh-Abu Nidal feud, the bullet-riddled bodies of two men were discovered at

the northern entrance to Sidon. Police said they believed one of the victims was a Palestinian and the other a Syrian. They said the men probably were killed two or

three days ago.
Their faces were unrecognisable because of gunshot wounds. police said.

"We are investigating their case on the bases that the two victims were probably members of Abu Nidal's group," said a police spokesman, who cannot be identified by name under security

Further south near the port city of Tyre, the car of Fateh's commander of the Shabriba refugee camp, Yehya Nabil Al Masri, was blown up Monday by a remotecontrol bomb.

Police said the green Mercedes was destroyed and that a resulting fire damaged two empty houses nearby. No casualties were reported.

The killings began on June 8, 1992, when Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) intelligence chief Atef Bseiso was gunned down in Paris. The rest of the attacks have occurred in Lebanon. Abu Nidal, whose real name is

Sabri Al Banna, broke from Fatch in 1973 and was sentenced to death by a Fateh revolutionary court, which tried him in absentia in 1974. Mr. Arafat views Abu Nidal as

a reckless maverick whose unruly extremism damaged PLO in-

terests and image.
Abu Nidal brands Mr. Arafat a "capitulationist" for his efforts to seek a political settlement with Israel and has vowed to strike at

Israel and its Western supporters. Abu Nidal tops the "most wanted" list in the United States and many European nations.

Jordan assails Israeli siege of occupied lands AMMAN (J.T) — His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Hassan. the Regent, has condemned Israel's three-week old closure of the occupied territories and its ban on Palestinian labourers entering the Jewish state.

In a letter, headlined Israel acts, Jordan reacts, in the April 16 issue of the International Herald Tribune, the Crown Prince said:

'The Israeli attempt to ban Palestinian labour is an act of oppression contrary to international labour laws and customs. It can only be seen as a measure of collective punishment, a mis-. guided response to the escalation of Palestinian resistance to occupation. Its profoundly negative consequences are aiready being felt, both in the occupied territories and among Israeli employers.

"Israel's claim that the occupied territories have benefitted economically from occupation is bogus, in fact, the regime imposed by Israel has caused the collapse of the existing economic structure. No new work opportunities have been created in the territories during the years of occupation. This fact, together with oppressive restriction on Palestinian enterprise, has meant that most Palestinian workers have been forced to work in Israel or to emigrate And Israel is now closing the door to the only work remains to those under occupation.

A meeting of Arab ministers of labour held recently in Amune decided to put a request forward to the director-general of the International Labour Organia. tion to call on Israel to guarante freedom of labour for all Pales; nian workers. The purpose is no to demand that Israel grant employment opportunities in the Israeli community, but to looseh the economic hegemony imposed by Israel through its military ecupation.

"Is a ban on Arab labour conducive to confidence-building? it an effective way to fight what Israel describes as extremism? One thing is certain: The ban is a sure way of exacerbating tensions that are already at breaking point, and creating a climate not for peace and mutual understanding but for further grief on all sides."

UNRWA warns Arabs of socio-economic emergency

VIENNA (Agencies) United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) Commissioner-General Türkmen has warned that "the rapidly growing hardship of Palestinians in the occupied territory may soon surpass UNRWA's financial ability to respond."

Speaking in Cairo on Sunday at a special session of the Council of

ordered sealing of the West Bank

\$750,000 per day.

addressing the human cost will fail on UNRWA.

UNRWA interviews with

Ministers of the Arab League, Mr. Türkmen called upon Arab countries to provide greater financial support to the United Nations agency responsible for providing services to more than 2.7 million Palestine refugees in the Middle East. Even prior to the Israeli-

and Gaza Strip in late March, which Mr. Türkmen described as "economic asphyxiation," UN-RWA was facing a budget deficit of \$28.5 million and confronting the possibility of having to cut services if additional funds were not made available. Today, tens of thousands of Palestinian workers are idle, prevented by the closure from going to work in Israel. Wage losses to the Gaza Strip alone are estimated at

The local economies of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have also been disrupted by the closure and resulting movement restrictions leading to millions of dollars of losses in agriculture, industry, transport and commerce. Unemployment was at least 40 per cent in the Gaza Strip and about 25 per cent in the West Bank prior to the sealing. If, as expected, new regulations and stricter monitoring are enacted to reduce the number of Palestinian labourers allowed to work in Israel.

much of the responsibility for

Palestinians in Gaza Strip refugee camps indicate that some families have been forced to liquidate possessions to generate cash to buy food because their savings are depleted. Local businesses have laid off large numbers of workers because they have no access to raw material and consumer demand has fallen. Agricultural products intended for the West Bank or external markets are being dumped locally, causing prices to fall between 50 per cent and 90 per cent. In the West Bank, merchants report that consumer purchases of fruits have dropped by 80 per cent, eggs by 50 per cent and meat by 60 per

Mr. Türkmen explained that "steadily deteriorating economic conditions of Palestinians in the occupied territory as well as in Lebanon have pushed people who did not in the past depend on UNRWA services to turn to the Agency for basic support."

UNRWA provides basic health care, education and relief and social services to Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, West Bank and Gaza Strip. UNRWA's 118 health clinics receive six mis-lion patient visits annually; 657 schools provide education to over-350,000 pupils; 5,000 students attend UNRWA vocational training centres; and 180,000 persons are registered with UNRWA's special hardship programme which provides food rations to the poorest refugees. UNRWA has previously announced that it could be forced to begin reducing some services beginning July I unless additional funds are re-

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The spokesman had returned from "proximity" talks with Col. Col. Garang's SPLA faction only,

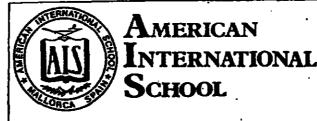
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SEOUL (AFP) — North Korea's oil imports shrank drastically last year, partly due to faulty Scud missiles exported to Iran as barter payment, an official at a South Korean state-backed thinktank

said Monday.

North Korea's oil imports fell to approximately 1.35 million tonnes last year from 1.93 million tonnes in 1991 and 2.54 million tonnes in 1990, said Ko Il-Dong of the Korean Development Institute's (KDI) Centre for North Korean Economic Studies

Imports from Iran fell to 220,000 tonnes, down from 640,000 tonnes imported from the Middle East — mainly Iran — the

previous year and 980,000 tonnes from Iran in 1990, Mr. Ko said. KDI had no specific figures for Iran in 1991 but Mr. Ko said imports from Iran took up the lion's share of imports from the He said oil imports from Iran

were shrinking because the Scud missiles Pyongyang sent Tehran in exchange had some defects and it had little else with which it could use to barter for the oil.
North Korea's oil imports have

also shrunk because, hit with a deteriorating economy, it had little hard currency and few com-modities with which to pay other suppliers, he said.

Imports from China, Pyongyang's last remaining commi mentor, have also dropped as Chinese firms are aiming more at turning a profit than in aiding ideological allies, he said.

Imports from China totalled

1.05 million tonnes of crude oil last year, down from 1.1 million tonnes the year before. He said it was still unclear how deeply:a Chinese decision to halt barter

In the past, he said, 45 per cent of Chinese oil shipments were paid for in commodity goods while 55 per cent were considered a loan, which was in effect never paid off.

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HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday receives the Omani Minister of Industry and Trade Maqboul Ben Ali Suitan there is certain the constitution of constitution as the constitution in the constitution of the constitut (second from right). Mr. Sultan, who was received in a special audience at the Royal Court, conveyed the greetings of Sultan Qaboos of Oman and those of the Omani people to His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian people. Prince Hassan and the Omani minister reviewed results of talks between the Omani delegation and Jordanian officials. The Crown Prince stressed the need for setting up a joint information centre on trade and industrial

investments, to enhance bilateral cooperation between both countries. He also emphasised the need to promote closer cooperation in the area of human development with all his comprehensive concepts through the specialised councils available in both countries, such as the Omani Development Council and the Higher Council for Science and Technology. The Omani minister expressed his government's interest in cooperation in the field of applied scientific research, particularly on water des

Arabsol Visiting Omani trade minister emergen reviews issues with officials

Omani Minister of Industry and was received at separate meetings Trade Maqboul Ben Ali Sultan was received at a part of Suppbeen forced by Iv. Agriculture and Health to

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At the meeting with Supply sepleted Local by and off large Minister Mohammad Al Saggaf Mr. Sultan called for correcting the trade balance, which is currently in favour of Jordan, and urged the supply ministry to reimport Omani fish.

Mr. Saggaf informed the Omani minister that the Jordanian market is open to all kinds of fish and that at the present time the private sector is importing suffiand he stiperate: cient quantities.

He stressed that the supply or contrand meshministry will reconsider the Omainthmen erle

On the other hand, Mr. Saqqaf atal deterioration 'called on the Omani side to imfitteens of Palestee -port Jordanian fruit. The two ministers agreed to hold a meetthen have pusk-'ing next month for officials from shell not in the past both ministries to discuss the possibilities of these import matthey for have seen

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The two ministers also discussed issues and export process. The two ministers also discussed issues pertaining to exchanges of agricultural experiences, particularly in relation to drip irrigation, rationalising the use of water for irrigation, sheltered agriculture, reuse of waste water and production of veterinary drugs and fertilisers.

Mr. Sultan said his ministry plans to facilitate the flow of commodities between both countries by granting visas to Jordanian trucks entering Oman and easing the related procedures.

The two ministers agreed to a proposal whereby a Jordanian trade delegation representing the public and private sectors will visit Oman to inspect the needs of Omani markets and work out a formula for commercial cooperation regarding Jordanian agricultural products, fertilisers, eggs, and veterinary drugs.

Health Minister Aref Al Batianeh also received Mr. Sul-

give lectures on nursing at Oman's nursing colleges. The Omani delegation also

toured Sahab Industrial City and was briefed on its activities by Fayez Suheimat, director general of Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation.

In a related development, technical committees from the Joint Higher Jordanian-Omani Committee held a meeting Monday at the Ministry of Industry and Trade and discussed means of supporting and developing the volume of trade between both countries in the various industrial, cultural, commercial, technical and tourism areas.

They also discussed the possibility of establishing a joint hold-

ing company.

On Sunday, the joint committee met under the chairmanship of Industry and Trade Minister Abdullah Ensour and his Omani counterpart Mr. Sultan and dis-cussed means of increasing and diversifying the balance of trade in both countries.

year totalled JD 1.2 million, while Jordan's imports from

> Dr. Ensour said the Islamic peoples who represent one-fifth of the world population are targetted at the present time, when changes are sweeping the world arena.

Islamic

commerce

AMMAN (Petra) — The execu-

tive committee of the Islamic

Chamber of Commerce, Industry

and Commodity Exchange

opened its 21st meeting in Am-

man Monday with the participa-tion of delegations representing

17 Arab states, as well as the

Minister of Industry and Trade

Abdullah Ensour, in an opening

address, called for bolstering eco-

nomic, commercial and technolo-

gical cooperation among Islamic

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erice (OIC).

The minister said the Islamic states should develop economic relations between them through granting preferential treatment to each other, encouraging joint ventures, exchanging trade fairs periodically and benefitting from financial assistance offered by the

Islamic Development Bank. He said Jordan implemented such schemes before others had

even expounded them.
In 1991, he said, the volume of trade exchange between Jordan and other Islamic countries accounted for 31 per cent of the volume of its foreign trade exchange.

Mutah opens first electrical engineering meeting 100 participants will seek to revitalise research

MUTAH (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday opened the first Jordanian electrical engineering conference to be held at Mutah University.

Addressing the opening session. University Acting-president Mohammad Kheir Mamsar welcomed Sharif Zeid and said the conference was held in response to His Majesty King Hussein's call for the Arab Nation to come up to date with all contemporary cultural and scientific develop-

Dr. Mamsar said the participation by a unique group of scholars from the various universities and scientific institutions is evidence of the awareness and live response to King Hussein's call.

He pointed out that the university's plans to participate in national development stem from its conviction that culture plays a major role in comprehensive national development.

Dr. Mamsar said that through its programmes and scientific plans the university seeks to concentrate on scientific approaches, intensifying efforts to promote them and strengthening their founda-

He reviewed some of the cultural achievements made by the university in the areas of research, publishing, organising symposiums, and interac-tion with local communities.

He stressed the importance of conferences and symposiums in attaining high standards of scientific research and developing and promoting the spirit of innovation and novelty.

Dean of the engineering faculty Yousef Jaafreh said the conference is the first episode in a series of specialised scientific conferences, which the university seeks to organise locally, regionally and internationally.

Dr. Jaafreh said that linking between scientific research and national development is one of the most prominent features and one of the established facts at the present time. He said the convening of this first engineering conference in the south of Jordan is a practical translation of the university's objectives to support scientific research, strengthen its foundations and direct the attention of researchers to the need for linking scientific research and comprehensive develop-ment, particularly in the southern region of Jor-

He pointed out that the engineering faculty does not only seek to graduate engineers, but also to achieve a higher degree of interaction with the local communities through participation in building basic concepts on the social and economic formulas of development and drawing up the technical and engineering studies needed to open the panorama of Arab and Islamic achievements.

The faculty also seek to undertake the necessary technical studies on the establishment of mini cities near the university, in cooperation with the Industrial Estates Corporation.

It also aims to create an ideal university village for the teaching and administrative staff of Mutah

Taking part in the conference which seeks to revitalise scientific research are 100 researchers from various academic and industrial institutions

The three-day conference will discuss 26 research and eight working papers in the areas of electronics, telecommunication, energy, remote control and computers.

Sharif Zeid also opened a book exhibition held on the sidelines of the conference and the Jordanian Electric Industries exhibition.

Attending the opening ceremony were Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Thougan Al Hindawi, Deputy Prime Minister and Transport Minister Ali Suheimat, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Abdel Hafez Mirai Al Kaabneh and senior government and civil officials.

Later Monday Sharif Zeid, who is chairman of the Royal Commission for Mutah University. chaired a meeting of the commission, during which he called on the university to review the method of admitting students so that it conforms to the needs of the community in the various major fields of

He also urged undertaking a detailed study on the university's needs for qualified teaching staff to maintain excellent academic standards.

Dr. Mamsar briefed Sharif Zeid on the situation of the university and its future aspirations and reviewed the organisational structure of the university, as well as the organisational structure of the students federation.

King condoles Turkish acting-president

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a

cable to acting Turkish President Husamettin Cindoruk, condoling him on the death of Turkish President Turgut Ozal. Also

Sunday His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad sent a cable of

condolences, voicing his deep sorrow and regret over the death of

Crown Prince receives Circassian society group

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan

the Regent Sunday received at the Royal Court a delegation

representing the International Circassian Society. Prince Hassan

Monday delegated deputy director of his office Abdullah Kanaan

to convey his condolences to Al Abdullat family over the death of Abdullah Salam Al Abdullat.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts.

Hussein Abdullah, at the French Cultural Centre.

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Exhibition entitled "Recreation" by Jordanian, French and

Iraqi artists, inspired by a sculpture by Iraqi artist Mohammad

☆ Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the

☆ Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Lujaina Al Aseel at Baladna Art

★ Exhibition of books and educational facilities at the Internation

★ Exhibition of prints, entitled "Architectural Motifs from the Arab World," by Rima Farah at the gallery, Hotel Jordan

☆ Exhibition of paintings by Hanan Al Dasouqi at the Royal

★ Exhibition of chemical materials and experiements for school

THEATRE

Arabic play entitled "The Dawn and Sunset of a Girl Called Yasmin" at 7 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre.

☆ English play entitled "The Right Size" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8 p.m.

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Beate Christen

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Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday opens Mutah University's first electrical engineering conference



Government, military, security, and university officials, as well as tens of experts Monday attend the opening session of Mutah University's first electrical engineering conference (Petra photo)

Parliamentary delegation **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF** returns from talks in India

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian parliamentary delegation headed by Lower House of Parliament Speaker Abdul Latif Arabiyat returned to Amman from New Delhi Monday after participating in the 89th Conference of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) which opened there

April 12. Dr. Arabiyat told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, upon arrival that at the five-day conference a working paper presented by the Jordanian delegation reviewed the democratisation process in the Kingdom, democracy in the Arab and Islamic worlds and dimensions of the expulsion of about 400 Palestinians to South Lebanon by Israel last Decem-

He said the paper also dealt with the role of world parliamentarians in pressuring the Israeli occupation authorities to release Palestinian detainees and prisoners, allow the expellees to return to their homes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, meeting the needs of the Palestinian people, and stressing their right to establish their indepen-

dent state on their national soil. Dr. Arabiyat said participants in the conference underlined the need for countries in the Third World and Asia to carry out an effective role in determining the characteristics of the new world order and to call for unified standards that govern relations be-tween world states.

The delegation accompanying Dr. Arabiyat to the conference included Deputy Taher Al Masri, Senator Abdullah Salah, Deputy Husni Al Shayyab and Parliament Secretary General Saleh Al

Dr. Arabiyat said the Jordanian delegation has conveyed to Indian President Ramaswamy Venkataraman and other Indian officials the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian government and peo-

The Indian president, he said, asked the Jordanian team to convey his greetings and appreciation to King Hussein. His Royal high-ness Crown Prince Hassan, the

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The editor and staff of the Jordan Times deeply mourn the passing of

Pop Vasile

father of their friend and colleague

Ica Wahbeh May Ica and Hassan be comforted that they were able to share some tender moments with their father

CONDOLENCES

when he visited Jordan with Mrs. Vasile recently.

The Friends of Archaeology Society offers its sincerest condolences to the family, friends, the ambassador and colleagues at the German Embassy in Amman on the untimely death of our member and friend

Beate Christen

due to a tragic car accident on Friday, April 16, 1993. We remember with affection this charming, delightful young woman who accompanied us on many of our

May God grant us all the understanding and acceptance of His will.

RANDA BEROUTI

Watercolours at

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April 19 - May 15

NEW Appendix . Jordan's exports to Oman last tan and focused discussions on the Also Monday Agriculture reducation and Minister Favez Khasawneh dispossibility of sending Jordanian cussed with Mr. Sultan the idea of nursing instructors to teach at on an lordan low - establishing joint companies. nursing schools in Oman and Oman were around JD 992,000. Trown Prince reviews financing The pupils of the large with visiting IDB president course and 1800. With the wife with the pupils of the large with the pupils of the large with the large

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short-term and long-term trading. Prince Hassan also discussed with Mr. Ali scopes of cooperation between the bank and the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation, which has carried out several development and rehabitar as an litation projects within the framework of the Arab and Isla-

tirtle all mass mic Relief and Cooperation Pro-14.48 mag : Committee to the second The Crown Prince and Mr. Ali reviewed projects being financed partly by the bank to enhance dealer line in Their production capacity, such as the Arab Potash Company's expansion projects, Shidieh phosphates project and some of the University of Jordan's projects in destroit le la gy, as well as the expansion of Agaba port. the areas of science and technolo-

en complete Prince Hassan and Dr. Ali focused on the need to direct spe-cial attention to human develop-· 阿斯斯 東北州 年 ment on the basis of an integrated social package, and scientifically analysing the problems faced by the Islamic world, particularly poverty and unemployment.

Water experts to review information access, use

MARKET PEG AMMAN (J.T.) — Water and information management experts will meet in Amman today to discuss ways of improving water supply and sanitation programmes by applying lessons learned in the country, or from regional and global knowledge and experi-

> The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (a global forum of professionals working in the sector) has identified lack of access and use of information as one of the major constraints to the development of sustainable water supply and sanitation services.

appreciation of Jordan's active participation in supporting the bank's efforts and its various projects in the Arab World.

Dr. Ali arrived here on twoday working visit during which he will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on relations between Jordan and the IDB, the projects being financed by the bank in Jordan, and the finance of Jordanian exports and imports through various trade finance

He was received upon arrival by Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Said Al

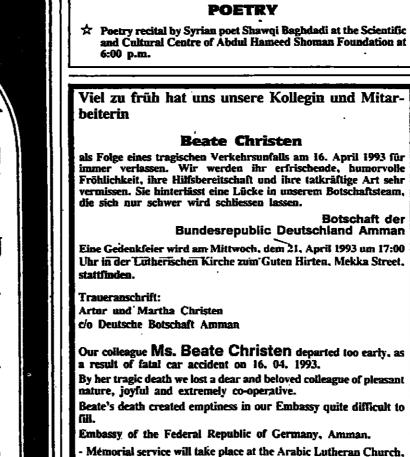
cussed with Dr. Ali projects which the Islamic Bank might finance or contribute to, such as those owned by Jordanian phosphates and potash companies.

Other projects include providing financial aid for the purchase of a ship and extending assistance to Al Amal Cancer Centre, he said.

Dr. Ali and the accompanying delegation will meet with Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the finance and planning minis-

ters and senior officials from the potash and phosphates com-

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Chance with time

BECAUSE Israel has been more interested in pursuing a separate treaty with Syria than in working for comprehensive peace with all Arabs, it was the right thing for Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sharaa to state on Sunday that the Arab parties would either all participate in the ninth round of negotiations or none would. This positive twist towards showing stronger Arab solidarity is all the more important in view of the false impression hitherto entertained by Israel that most of the Arab countries would go ahead and take part in the Washington peace parley with or without the Palestinians.

In fact, the minister's statement should have come as no surprise to those who have been watching political developments vis-a-vis the resumption of the peace talks, which could now rest a week later than originally scheduled on a stronger base. The new time factor, albeit short, should give the negotiations an added impetus not only in terms of needed Arab cohesion but also in that it could provide new opportunities to resolve some of the remaining sticking points that precluded the restart of the talks on April 20. It appears that U.S. and Israeli assurances to the Palestinians in particular have not been strong enough to encourage the Palestinian delegation to engage once again in the peace process. For one thing, the issue of the expellees was compounded twenty days ago by Israel's arbitrary decision to seal off the occupied territories. And by doing so Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has played into the hands of the extremists on both sides of the fence and created new obstacles in the face of the already complex Israeli-Palestinian track. Even the significance of Rabin's grudging acceptance of the application of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 to the West Bank and Gaza Strip and his willingness to offer the Palestinians some legislative powers were effectively neutralised by the events taking place in the field. Israel can no longer sugarcoat its collective banishment of Palestinians and the siege of the West Bank and Gaza Strip even by spectacular policy announcements that would normally carry considerable weight and effect. The breathing space now accorded to the next stage of the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations can still remove at least some of the discrepancies between the actions and rhetoric of Rabin's government. If this actually happens the resumption of the Washington parleys will take place one week late,, but it will also have a better chance of being more productive and

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

JORDAN APPRECIATES the European countries' support for the Arab cause and for the rights of the Palestinian people, but such support is only in theory and not in practice, and does not become concrete unless the Europeans take practical steps to reestablish right and justice, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday. The European Community has, to date, refrained from taking one practical step to end the occupation of Arab land, neither did it move to contribute constructively towards ending the sufferings of the Palestinian people, the paper noted. This lack of action and the absence of the European role has given the Americans encouragement to impose their hegemony on the Arab-Israeli conflict, and indeed encouraged the Israelis to pursue their repressive and brutal actions against the Palestinian people. continued the paper. The Israelis have realised that the Europeans suffice themselves with mere statements issued on different occasions but do not follow them with actions, the paper pointed out. It said that the time has come for the European Community to end the present state of affairs and take meaningful action towards serving justice if the European statesmen really mean what they say. The Arab countries have long been calling for a real and positive role on the part of Europe towards ending the occupation of Arab lands in implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions and have been urging the Europeans to help establish peace in the Middle East, recalled the paper. It said that there is an urgent need now for Europeans to move speedily towards achieving this objective and to end Israel's arrogance and brutal treatment of the Palestinian people.

Saleh Qallah, a columnist in Al Dustour, Monday criticised the political stand of the leader of the Palestinian expellees now stranded in southern Lebanon for his call on the Palestinian people to renounce the PLO leadership. The writer said that Dr. Rantisi is calling on the Palestinians in the occupied land and the diaspora to elect a new leadership at a time when the Palestinians are facing brutal measures from the Israelis and at a time when he realises that his demand is impossible since no Palestinians inside or outside occupied Palestine can stage such elections. According to Dr. Rantisi, the Palestinians should not take part in the ongoin peace efforts because they lack a strong leadership guide them, noted the writer. But, he continued, to leave man as they are and to ignore the present PLO leadership would mean leaving the Palestinians to the mercy of Israel and its brutal measures with no end in sight for the oppressed people's salvation. By denying the presence of the PLO leadership, Dr. Rantisi is taking the Palestinians back to square one leaving them in total confusion about the events around them and lacking will power to move ahead and cave themselves from the present sufferings, noted the writer. The writer criticised Dr. Rantisi and his men in southern Lebanon for failing even to raise the Palestinians renounce their present leadership without offering a practical solution to the present dilemma.

The View from Fourth Circle

Racists, monkeys and settler-states

HISTORIANS MAY well look back to these two months — March and April 1993 — as the physical birth of the State of Palestine, as opposed to its political birth in the late 1980s. Day-to-day events usually hide broader historical trends; the day-to-day violence and counter-violence that we have witnessed in Palestine/Israel in recent months hides the delineation of Israeli and Palestinian entities that are both still in the process of being

This process of national birth is visible in Israel's security and political policies towards the continued Palestinian uprising. The massive use of retributive military force and collective punish-ment, including undercover Israeli death squads that assassinate Palestinian resistance activists, did not solve Israel's "security" problem. The mass expulsion of over 400 Palestinians in December quickly led to intensified Palestinian resistance. including last week's Palestinian suicide car bomb attack.

Consequently, in a state of obvious confusion over why its traditional reliance on brute force has not brought calm and security. Israel has now closed off the occupied territories. Israel's housing minister said a few days ago that this move was irreversible, with only about 20,000 skilled Palestinians gradually to be allowed back to work in Israel, and the other 100,000 Palestinian day-workers to be barred permanently from employment in Israel in the future.

This desperate move will not be any more successful than the many other tactics that Israel has used in a futile attempt to evade dealing with the reality and vitality of Palestinian national identity. This month's latest twist to the Zionist political monkey's policy legacy of "see no Palestinians, hear no Palestinians, speak to no Palestinians" comes in the wake of a century of Zionist mythology and ideology based on the belief that if one wishes hard enough or shoots frequently enough the Palestinians - in

this holy land of miracles — will miraculously disappear. This month's closure of the occupied territories is very much in keeping with previous Zionist/Israeli policy: during the last century. Zionists and Israeli governments have dealt with the Palestinians by making believe they did not exist, buying them out, terrorising them out of their homes and communities, conquering and subjugating them, ignoring them, expelling or imprisoning them, enticing them with material benefits, trying to enduce false new Palestinian leaderships, suffocating them economically risolating them politically, humiliating them, or beating them politics have worked. History speaks with a

brutal clarity: the two seminal political events of Palestinian national and political life in the 20th century were the great strike of 1936-39 and the intifuda of 1987-1993, two indigenous rebellions half a century apart, reflecting a people's will to live in freedom and national dignity. Israel's overwhelming political, military and economic power and its tremendous moral and material support from the Western powers have been unable to dull the glow of Palestinian national identity or to dissipate it in any manner. The Zionist gun has proved to be an ineffective

weapon against Palestinians who no longer are afraid to die. Therefore, in the early spring of 1993, the Palestinian-Zionist struggle is more intense than ever before during this century. The physical intensity - knife killings, shootings and car bombings by Palestinians, and massive military overkill by Israelis - has given rise to an intellectual and political intensity reflected in the drastic move to isolate the occupied territories, to distance the Palestinians from the Israelis, and to hear Israelis talk of a "political" solution to the Palestine issue, rather than only a "security' solution. The continued Palestinian will to resist has forced Israel to come to grips with its massive historical failure: It has been able neither to assimilate and absorb the Palestinian people nor to destroy and disperse them.

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The current policy of closing off the Palestinians is only a new twist to the Zionist political monkey's legacy of intemperate dreaming. It is the quintessentially racist face of Zionism in the finest tradition of South African apartheid — isolate the Palestinians in defined homelands watched over by a massive Zionist security force, draw on the skilled Palestinian labour that Israel needs to maintain its living standard and offer the Palestinians only symbolic rights. This policy, like the many others that Zionism has tried before to evade the Palestinian soul, will not work, because it is based on eluding reality rather than coming to terms with it. This policy will only accelerate the

inevitable historical trend to separate Palestinians from Israelis. In the short term, the Palestinians will suffer as the blacks in urban squatter townships suffered in South Africa in the last three decades. Living standards will decline and families will endure greater hardships, as the modern Zionist illusion plays itself out and proves to be just that — an illusion that tries to make believe there are no Palestinians in Palestine. Israel will now make one last effort to assert its military control over all the Palestinians. through the choking policies of the state or the freelance violence and vigilantism of the settler-colonialists. The suffering of the Palestinians to date will look relatively mild in the face of the hardships to come. This is the macabre phase of Zionist psychological frenzy, a grotesque ultimate solution in which Zionists place the entire Palestinian people in one large prison camp that is fenced off from the rest of the world, slowly to

suffocate, starve or leave. It will not work, of course, for the same reasons that attempts by Nazi Germany to destroy the Jewish people did not work earlier this century. The human will to live in freedom is much stronger than the capacity of a distorted political ideology to-subjugate an entire people. The Palestinians will endure further physical hardship, and the Zionists/Israelis will endure further national perversion and reassessment. The isolation of the occupied territories and the ongoing peace talks will inevitably lead to political decisions to disengage Israel from Palestine. Timewill start to define the little Palestinian state that is now a very good historical bet, and it will also start to define the borders of a Zionist entity, a Jewish homeland, and an Israeli state that has? remained vague, expansive, trigger-happy, and predatory in the

The great challenge before all of us today is to channel the historical and emotional forces that emanate from this reality on the ground into political tendencies that can drive the peace talks towards success. Clearly. Zionists/Israelis and Palestinians cannot live together today in a single state, and they must find their distinct identities and rights in individual states. How we get to that point from our situation today will require a sophisticated, conciliatory and patient process of diplomacy that neutralises the anger and rancour of the past by offering a series of gains and rights that can define a more reasonable future for Palestinians, Israelis and the other concerned Arab states.

This transition from historical failure to future stability is taking place before our eyes every day. The more we recognise its component elements and exploit them to achieve our rights and aspirations, the sooner we are likely to check the audacious. Zionist endeavour and to achieve the justice and the national normalcy we seek and deserve. One day. Arabs and Israelis will live in peace, justice, and mutual rights; one day. Christians, Muslims and Jews will live as brothers and sisters in an ancient land that God chose to deliver his message of fraternity to humankind. But that day will come only after today's Israelipolicies are radically changed and replaced by a policy of rationality and composure. That change is underway.

Let us recognise what has happened this month: Israel has made an economic/political retreat from eastern Palestine; it camouflages this retreat in the vocabulary of "security", for it cannot speak the words of the truth of its failure. Following its partial retreat from southern Lebanon a few years ago, this is an important development in terms of modern Zionist history. It will, be followed soon by a steady demographic retreat (a slowdown in settlement expansion) and then a military retreat in the context ofa negotiated peace accord that should come to fruition in the next 10 years. Racists, monkeys, and settler-states are very predictable beasts, once the illusory nature of their world becomes clear to

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Worried about Boris, not Bosnia

By Peter Pringle

THE ERA of barefaced deception by Russian diplomats at the United Nations is over — well, sort of. Yuli Vorontsov, the longserving Russian ambassador to the U.N., came out of a meeting of the Security Council last week and made a statement that was Soviet rule. Looking the cameras in the eye, he said that Moscow's request to delay the council's vote on new sanctions against Belgrade was not coupled with any problems at home.

Everyone here in New York, in Washington, London, Paris and beyond, knows that the Russians asked for the delay so President Boris Yeltsin would not be saddled with an embarrassing Security Council vote against the Serbs. between now and the April 25 referendum on his economic reforms. The Russian leader told President Bill Clinton as much at the Vancouver summit.

So what was Mr. Vorontsov up to? He wants the world to be persuaded that there is no reason for a quick vote on new sanctions against Serbia while Russian diplomats are still trying to presuade the Serbs to cut back on their "ethnic cleansing," let through U.N. food supplies to Bosnía's besieged Muslims and return to the negotiating table prepared by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen.

The problem is that no one at the U.N., or elsewhere it seems, has any confidence in Russian diplomacy being able to deliver

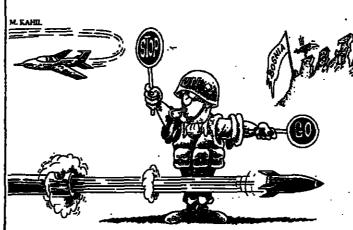
even one of these items. When Moscow's special envoy, Vitaly Churkin, reported this week on his talks with the Serbs, Mr. Vance and Lord Owen told the Security Council that they were now more depressed about the prospects of the Serbs signing up to the peace plan than they had been in recent days.

All of this has more than a whiff of Moscow's behaviour before the Gulf war. Then, seemingly endless diplomatic shuttles and last-minute assignations with Iraqi leaders failed to produce a negotiated solution but successfully delayed the first allied attack on Baghdad. So why did the Security Coun-

cil accede to Russia's request for a delay in new sanctions? Because Mr. Clinton is busy building a personal relationship with Mr. Yeltsin.

At one level this is perfectly acceptable. If Mr. Clinton be lieves he can influence the outcome of the Russian referendum by preventing Mr. Yeltsin from being embarrassed by a Security Council vote, then the White House move is quite logical. The Bosnian Serbs, of course, have taken the U.N. inaction as a signal that they can continue to attack Muslims with impunity. But an American president

must not look at these things through a Bosnian prism. He is faced with the dilemma of maintaining wider relations between the United States and Russia. In addition, Mr. Clinton must guard against a possible comeback by the right wing, which on some



distant day could charge that his abandonment of Mr. Yeltsin at the crucial hour was the reason for the end of Russian reforms. Evidence would suggest, however, that the West's ability to influence Russian voters is marginal at best; you have only to look at the overenthusiastic west-ern support for Mikhail Gorbachev to understand that it can also rebound. There may even be a question-mark over the true strength of the Russians' muchpublicised sympathy for the Serbs as brother Slavs.

But what is especially depressing about the new moves by Moscow and Washington is the possibility of a return to a situation that everyone thought had been left behind: the Russian veto at the Security Council.

Lacking a clear-cut policy on Bosnia, the United States has been playing its Russia card at the expense of efforts by others, not least by Messis Vance and Owen. to bring peace to Bosnia. The latest delay in adopting tougher sanctions against the Serbs was in fact the third in a row. The first came immediately after Mr. Vance and Lord Owen had managed, against great odds, to persuade the Bosnian Muslims to join the Croats in accepting their plan to divide the country into

semi-autonomous regions. The move isolated the Serbs and prepared them for a new round of sanctions designed to persuade them to sign the plan, too. But because of Washington's procras-tination, the Security Council missed a chance to impose the

parliament rejected the peace

The U.S. administration, always half-hearted on the Vance-Owen plan, felt it could only 'commend" and not endorse it in the new sanctions resolution. This also wasted precious time.

Then came the Vancouver summit, and Washington again delayed the sanctions vote, warn ing its allies that Mr. Yeltsin would be embarrassed by such a move on the eve of the meeting. Now there is Mr. Yeltsin's re-

In each of the delays, the U.S. persuaded its reluctant allies, Britain, France and Spain, to follow suit. Normally composed ambassadors of those countries were huffing and puffing in the corridors, enraged that in attending to the needs of the new U.S.-Russia relationship, Washington had rendered the Security Council inactive. The Serbs, understandably, felt invulnerable and broke

a two-week ceasefire. No wonder the non-aligned members of the Security Council rebelled. Cape Verde, Djibouti, Morocco, Pakistan and Venezula complained that the council was being held hostage to Russia's internal political problems. If the Russians wanted to side with the Serbs they should go ahead and do so openly, the non-aligned states argued, otherwise the international community was only displaying its paralysis in efforts to help those suffering in Bosnia. What all members of the council had been feeling was that the new sanctions before the Serbian

Washington's inability to make up its mind about what to do in Bosnia.

At this point in the peace efforts it seems that diplomacy may have run its course. If, as expected, the Russian diplomatic shuttle fails, there can be no certainty that Moscow will come back after April 25 and support the Vance-Owen plan. Washing ton is not even prepared to provide an incentive by linking in financial aid. The return of the era of the Soviet veto at the U.N. now a possibility.

The prospects for the people of Bosnia are grim. Britain and France will not keep troops therewithout a U.N. mandate, and Security Council members have not begun to consider any alternatives - such as a U.N. transitional authority like the one in piace in Cambodia.

Other than allowing the factions to fight it out, that leaves the U.S. with the possibility of unilateral military action, as in Somalia. But General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs on Staff, refuses to entertain such a policy: it is a quagmire not fit for U.S. troops, he says. The Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, says Bosnia is "a centuries-old problem that comes from heli. The United States simply does not have the means. to make people in that region of the world like each other." With the new Russian-American agenda guiding the international community on Balkan policy, there will be no peace soon, it seems delays also served to cover up. The Independent.

Weekly Political Pulse

By Waleed Sadi

Thatcher's lonely cry — OIC take heed

Three cheers to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher who, a few days ago, emotionally depicted the West's ineffective action against the atrocities in Bosnia as tantamount to being an accomplice to the massacres that have been committed in that country for over a year already. Mrs. Thatcher is no novice when it comes to assessing situations and conflicts and is accusing the western world of effectively aiding and abetting the crimes against humanity that the Serbs have been conducting against the Bosnian Muslims with impunity. The former prime minister is known for making her strong views loud and clear and she does so driven by a unique moral trait that once characterised the western

After watching the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Bosnian Muslims and the systematic rape of their girls and women, she could wait no longer and raised her voice in anger against her feller statesmen who still sit idly by in the face of the sun of the statesmen who still sit idly by in the face of the sun of the statesmen who still sit idly by in the face of the sun of the statesment of the state

Mrs. Thatcher all forms of appreciation publicly and privately. Better still, all mankind truly concerned about human rights and humanitarian laws should extend to the former "iron lady" full recognition and gratitude. At least Baroness Thatcher has snoken up against the terrible wrongs that are still being perpetrated in Bosnia in a tone of voice that reflects deep anguish and concern, something which cannot be said about the majority of the Arab and Muslim leaders. Come to think of it, it is shocking how the Arab and Muslim worlds have dealt with the Serbian and one wonders if there really are entities called

His Majesty King Hussein's recent appeal to the Arab and Muslim heads of state to do something tangible to end the suffering of the Bosnian Muslims must have fallen on deaf ears since both the Arab and Muslim people have become numb and immune to the urgent and persistent appeals of the Bosnian Muslims for help and rescue from imminent disasters. Obviously there is a deep crisis in Islam as bad as the one in the Arab

There is no doubt that the Arabs' and Muslims' inaction to

counter the Serbs' grave violations would trigger some kind of a reaction in the long run, at least, that may still cleanse the two worlds. One would have thought that King Fahd of . Sandi Arabia would be at the forefront of the Arab and Islamic leaders in calling for a swift and effective end to the slaughter of the Muslims in Bosnia and the punishment of all those responsible for committing them. The Bosnian situation would have been the ideal still for the use of the oil west than the enemies of island the result of the state of the stat Saudi Arabia and the other Arab Gulf states have the economic and political clout to at least raise their voices the way Mrs. Thatcher has done, not once but repeatedly over the course of the past year. Had the Arab and Muslim worlds acted effectively and concert over the plight of the Bosnian Muslims, the hands of U.S. President Bill Clinton would have been strengthened in the face of the opposition he has encountered from London and Paris to more forceful action against Serbia. President Clinton started out just as passionate and emotional about the Bosnian situation as Mrs. Thatcher but somehow he lost his nerve and resolve in the

pursuit of his declared policy on former Yugoslavia. But President

Clinton cannot be expected to do more than the Islamic and Arab heads of state who must have struck him as aloof and practically indifferent to the barbaric actions of the Serbs. Given the silence of the Arab and Muslim worlds, the field was left wide open to Russia, the faithful ally of the Serbs, to manipulate the actions and inactions of the United Nations Security Council. One would have thought that the Arab and Muslim countries would rise in arms against Moscow for its record on the Bosnian situation. At least the Arab and Muslim countries should react to Moscow's belligerent policy towards the defenceless Bosnian Muslims by declaring an economic and political boycott against that country.

It is not too late to formulate such a posture here and now first against Moscow and then against all other capitals that have lent support to the Serbian atrocities. The Organisation of the Islamic Conference should convene an urgent summit for this specific purpose as soon as possible, if it hopes to salvage its credibility.

What Mrs. That fer has been calling to a simply the nat of western air power to knock out Serbian forces that are besieving such cities as Srebrenica and Sarajevo. Many other defenceless Muslim towns and enclaves are also in urgent need of similar defence. Mrs. Thatcher is also calling for lifting the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims since it is utterly senseless to treat equally the aggressor and the aggressed. All that the Bosman Muslims have been pleading for is an opportunity to defend themselves. How can the western world deny them even this right? Mrs. Thatcher raised her voice once again. It is up to the Missim and Arab worlds to pick up where the former British prime minister left off by beginning to apply effective pressure on the western governments in a bid to neutralise the indirect Russian aggression on the Islamic community in Bosnia.

Peace talks said set for April 27

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peace talks was reaching a final Mr. Arafat arrived from Egypt, whose foreign minister Amr Musa said the Arabs were considering a proposal to postpone the start of the talks in Washing-

Mr. Husseini said the delay was necessary to clarify promises by the United States and Israel. In Warsaw, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

criticised the Arabs for delaying the negotiations. "Now the world knows who is really interested in peace," said Mr. Rabin, asked to comment on the delay sought by the Palesti-

nians and Arab states. In Amman a PLO hardliner said Monday that Mr. Arafat had already decided to let Palesti-

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nians attend the peace talks. PLO Executive Committee member Tayseer Khaled, who opposes the peace process, said Mr. Arafat had taken the decision without consulting the PLO's

Executive Committee. "The decision to let Palestinians attend the next round of talks has been ready since yester-

day," Mr. Khaled told Reuters. Mr. Khaled is a member of Nayef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which opposes the peace

"Nobody in the Palestinian leadership has the right to bypass the PLO's Executive Committee and turn their back to the will of the Palestinian people who oppose the path of this process and its unfair terms," he said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Christopher acknowledged Monday that the peace talks would not resume on schedule, but he said he anticipated a "relatively minor delay" of not more than a week.

He urged the Arab officials meeting in Damascus to approve resumption of the negotiations with Israel. He reiterated that the United States would take on a "full partnership" role.

While Mr. Christopher and other, U.S. officials have not spelled out what that means, the implication is that he or top aides would step into the talks and help frame a settlement that has eluded the two sides since negotiations began in October 1991.

The prospect of more energetic involvement under President Bill Clinton raised interest in the round that was due to open at the State Department Tuesday. Israel had accepted a joint invitation from the co-sponsors, the United States and Russia.

"I hope that the meeting today in Damascus will produce a favourable result," Mr. Christ-opher said. "One thing I would want to emphasise is the importance to all the parties of returning to the table, taking advantage of the full partnership of the United

He told reporters during picture-taking session in his office with Petr Kravchanka, the foreign minister of Belarus, that he was "slightly disappointed" by

the delay. "But I continue to feel quite confident," he said, "that the discussions will resume here in the relatively near future. I would hope a delay of not more than

one week."
U.S. and other efforts to kick-start the negotiations faltered when the Palestinians demanded Israel first reopen the occupied territories and resolve the expel-

peace negotiations, who resuming talks begun here Friday and Saturday, want Washington to give written answers to these and other concerns, Arab officials

Jamal Al Surani, a PLO Executive Committee member, said in Cairo that the United States must provide "written confirmation on the basic principles of the negotiations, particularly U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and

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'Poverty report is not frightening'

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Department said one of two Wild mander Brian Cullin. Weasel fighters fired missile at a radar tracking site south of the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq after radar targetted it. The site was destroyed, it said.

A spokesman in Stuttgart Germany, for the U.S. forces in Europe said it was the first such attack by a U.S. air patrol south of the zone set up to protect the Kurds from attack by Baghdad. Reporting from Mosul, the Ira-

qi News Agency (INA) said the anti-aircraft position was more than 22 kilometres south of the exclusion zone.

Neither of the U.S. planes was fired on but the crew felt threatened when the radar illuminated them, according to Pen-tagon spokesman lieutenant Com-

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ber of returning Jordanian ex-patriates from the Gulf in the last

three years, the 1991 Ministry of

Social Development survey, and

Development.

The official said the minister of

(Continued from page 1) has 60 per cent of Pakistan's population and is the key to

The ouster of Mr. Sharif shows

that Pakistan's fragile democracy remains under the shadow of the army despite its loss of direct power in 1988, analysts said.

Since the death in that year of military ruler General Mohammad Zia Ul Haq, the country has seen two abrupt mid-tenure dismissals of elected prime ministers by a powerful president, due in part to their uneasy relations with

the army top brass. President Ishaq Khan, while sacking Mr. Sharif Sunday, also

cited what he called his "undue interference" in the affairs of the

half a million-strong army. This interference, he said, created "serious tension" between the civilian government and the military's general headquarters during the tenure of late army chief General Asif Nawaz who died in January.

Mr. Ishaq Khan said Mr. Sharif "furiously" resented his appoint-

the same "Anger and resentment" after Gen. Abdul Waheeb was named as successor.

He also mentioned "serious allegations" Mr. Asir's widow of "high-hawded treatment meted out to her husband.

A week before Mr. Sharif's dismissal Nuzhat Nawaz had publicly charged that the general had been "poisoned"

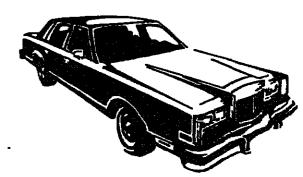
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World Gymnastics Championship

Miller wins 3 titles, despite illness

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) --- If Shannon Miller can win three world titles out of five when she has a stomach bug, what would she have achieved if fully

-"I'm sure she would have won all five,"-coach Steve Nunno said. After all, she won the all-around title and had the top scores on the four events in qualifying. Miller, a 16-year-old high

sehool student from Edmond. Oklahoma, arrived at the World Gymnastics Championships chasing her first gold. At the Barcelona Olympics, she won two silvers and three bronze medals.

This time she got it right, with a little tactical help from Nunno. . With the all-around title already won, she moved into the individual apparatus finals Saturday suffering from a queasy sto-

Nunno decided to pull her out second place behind Miller in of the vault final so she could concentrate on the uneven bars. She won that with the best score of the entire competition. 9.887. On Sunday came the beam,

On the beam, she did something she hardly ever does. She

Miller's strongest discipline, and

the floor exercises.

After three back flips, Miller landed on the edge of the 4-inch surface and banged her hip on the way to the floor. She remounted the beam, but lost her balance and slipped off again. Her scores of 7.850 was the lowest by far. Instead. Romania's Luvinia

Milosovici went on to score 9.850 and edge another American. Dominique Dawes, for the gold medal. Dawes, 16, scored 9,725 for her second silver after a

Saturday's uneven bars.

"I can put the beam performance down to the lingering sto-mach thing." Miller said. "After the first fall I ost my concentration. I did not really know what to think after the first fall, hecause that doesn't usually happen

Nunno kept Miller in the warmup area while Milosovici. Dawes and the other finalists were at the medal ceremony.

"I wanted to keep her focused on the floor routine. I got her aside and she said she wanted to do it. She said she didn't want to scratch from the competition and leave a wrong lasting impression." Nunno said.
"Then she put her whole heart

into the floor routine. That's the sign of a true champion."

scored by Romania's Gina Gogean to capture the gold. She

The other women's gold medal went to Yelena Piskoun of Belarus in the vault competition.

Another Belarussian, Vitali Scherbo, did not match his sixtitle performance from the Olympics, but wound up with three golds, adding the vault and the parallel bars titles to his allaround gold.

Pae Gil Su of North Korea won the men's pommel horse, his specialty, and Yuri Chechi triumphed on the rings to win Italy's first world championships gold. Sergei Charkov of Russia, who placed second in the all-around final, won the high bar competi-

tion, and Grigori Musiutin of Going last on to the floor. Ukraine won gold on the floor.

Goellner upsets Lendl to win 1st title NICE (AP) - After beating two former No. 1 players in two days and winning a tournament as a qualifier, Marc Goellner deserves a

He's getting it, whether he wants one or not. Goellner, a 23-year-old German born in Brazil, won his first career

title by upsetting Ivan Lendl 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 Sunday in the final of the Nice Open tennis tournament.

"I'm very happy and very tired," said Goellner, who had to win three preliminary matches in qualifications to enter the main draw. Then he won five more matches in the tournament, including a semifinal victory over top seed Stefan Edberg.

It was Goellner's first final on the ATP tour. He had never got past the quarterfinals of a pro event before Nice. It was the 143rd career

final for Lendl, who has won 92 titles. It also was a good week for an unseeded player in Charlotte, N.C.,

where Horacio de La Pena of Argentina won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships.

But it wasn't only the low-ranked players who were successful

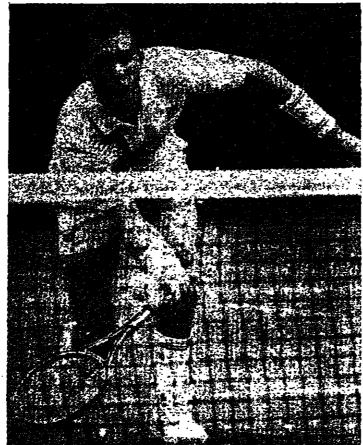
In Hong Kong, the world's No. 1, Pete Sampras, won a showdown with second-ranked Jim Courier, beating the former top-ranked man 6-3, 6-7 (1-7), 7-6 (7-2) to win the Hong Kong Salem Open. Usually after the Nice tournament, the players go on to nearby Monte Carlo. Goellner's impressive streak would make him a attraction in the Monte Carlo Open.

Lendl will be going, but not Goellner, who was ranked 95th in the world before Nice. Because he was playing in the tournament at Nice, he couldn't play in the qualifying at Monte Carlo. And all of the wild cards for the Monte Carlo already had been distributed to other players.

In Monte Carlo, Edberg, Boris Becker, Petr Korda of the Czech Republic and Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia are the top four seeds, the same as they were for the Nice Open.

Lendl is seeded fifth, while former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich of Germany is No. 6. Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, who won two consecutive tournaments before Nice, is the seventh seed and defending champion Thomas Muster is eighth.

Nice had an unusually strong field this year as five of the top 10 players entered. However, it was the qualifier who overcame a rocky start in the final to win.



Ivan Lendi

Hakeem Olajuwon leads the Rockets

SEATTLE (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon began his ninth NBA seatrading verbal shots with Ston Rockets owner Charlie nas. He's ending it with a \$30 definition contract and a chance to they on his first championship

As Olajuwon goes, so go the Rockets. "Our intensity and aggressive defense are the differences," Ola-

.won said The 7-foot, 255-pound (2.1-metre, 116-kilogramme) native of Nigeria showed the Seattle Supersonics just how well he's playing — and what he's doing for

Rockets - Saturday night in the

Seattle Coliseum. Playing 46 minutes, the NBA's leading shot blocker had eight blocks in an 86-81 victory that gave Houston a nine-game winning streak and a franchiserecord 53 wins with four regular-

season games left.

Despite being double and triple-teamed by the Sonics, Olajuwon also led the Rockets with 21 points and 11 rebounds.

candidate, but don't overlook the 30-year-old Olajuwon. Olajuwon is fifth in the NBA in scoring with a career-best 25.9

Charles Barkley of Phoenix appears to be the leading MVP

points per game and third in

rebounding with 13. He also aver- , to do a good job of protecting the ages 4.14 blocks per game. basket." With Hakeem, that's a great

starting point to build a good defense and defense is what wins game like this," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Teams have to hit from the outside when you have someone like Hakeem down

Olajuwon didn't win an NCAA title at Houston, although he led the cougars to three consecutive final fours.

Still, he considers himself a

When teams go inside, I'm able 'shooting.

Since the All-Star break, the Rockets are a league-best 23-4. Olajuwon isn't making any predictions about a championship. but it's clear he feels this could be his season.

"We're peaking at the right time," he said. "It's very important to finish strong. We are very confident right now."

Rický Pierce, Seattle's leading scorer, said he's never seen Olajuwon play better. Olajuwon's "When things get tougher, I intimidating defense played a play bigger," Olajuwon said. part in the Sonics' 34 per cent

Americans far off pace in recent marathons

2:08:13 in the 1981 New York City Marathon. That's only the

17th best time on the world list.

only five were by Americans, and

Salazar had three of them.

Of the top 89 times in history...

The fastest American time in

last year's Boston Marathon was

2:17:03, nearly nine minutes off

the winning pace and 19th over-all. And that was run by Doug

Kurtis in the master's division for

The only American women's

winner in Boston Samuelson's

1983 victory was Lisa Weiden-

Of the 21 women's champions.

seven of the first nine — but only

two of the last 12 - were Amer-

icans. Eight of the 11 men's win-

ners from 1973 through 1983 were

Americans. They've been shut

Martin wins London Marathon

Eamonn Martin says he

learned marathon running from

reading books. His studying paid

Martin, known throughout his

career as a middle-distance spe-

cialist, won his first-ever try over

the long-distance in Sunday's

London Marathon. He broke free

Mexican Isidro Rico over the last

100 metres to take the \$55,000

"I didn't know what to expect.

I'd never run one before." said

Martin, who said he only began

thinking seriously about the

Marathon last fall, "So I read a

lot of books over the winter about

Marathon running, about the

McColgan, the Scot favoured to

win take the women's title, fell

behind rival Australian Lisa

Ondieki and eventual winker

Katrin Dorre with six miles (9.6

kilometres) to go and finished

Dorre, sprinting away from

The 31-year-old German, win-

third.

Inter begin to believe

pain and how to deal with it."

runners 40 and older.

bach in 1985.

out since then.

BOSTON (AP) — Americans. once the leaders of the pack in marathoning, have been far off pace in the past decade.

Blame it on the progress of runners from other countries where there are fewer alternatives for athletes.

"They're not playing ice hocky over in Kenya." says Greg Meyer, the last American man to win the Boston Marathon back in

Blame it on a college system that tries to extruct the most from its scholarship athletes, making them rup on the indoor, outdoor and cross-country squads so schools can get the most for their

"There's a lot of burnout during this time when an athlete is expected to be on all the teams." says 1984 Olympic champion Joan Benoit Samuelson, who set the Boston women's record in 1983 and still is one of America's top marathoners.

Blame it on a society that glorifies how high Michael Jordan can leap, not how far Bill Rodgers can run.

"It's not exactly the all-American sport, is it?" said Rodgers, a four-time Boston winner

who hasn't won it in 13 years. The reasons go on and on from lack of a long-range development plan for runners to the demise of the club system in which marathoners trained together to an aversion to the grueling workouts required for

"Our kids can't wait to drive a car." Meyer said. "They're not thinking about going to the Olympics. They're thinking about what kind of car they'll be driv-

The best U.S. runner in today's 97th Boston Marathon was Steve Spence. But his top time for the 26.2-mile (39.5 kilometre) distance was only 2 hours. 12 minutes, 17 seconds. And he ran that back in 1990.

The last decade has been a Ondieki at the finish, won in downer for U.S. marathoners. London for the second consecu-In the 10 years since Meyer tive year. Her time was 2:27.09, won the Boston Marathon in with Ondieki clocked at 2:27.27 2:09:00, no American has run and McColgan 2:29.37.

faster anywhere. It's been more than 11 years ning her 16th marathon in 24 since Alberto Salazar ran the fas- attempts, also collected \$55,000,

snatch the Italian League Cham-

ficit to five points when they came from behind to win 3-1 at

Brescia Sunday after Milan had

crashed at home by the same

score to Juventus the previous

(remaining) games and after that

see what they (Milan) do," said

their Uruguayan star Ruben

Sosa, who scored twice at

"If they were to really come

With six matches left, most of

unstuck, then we would be ready

to make the most of the gift."

Second-placed Inter cut the de-

pionship.

in the impossible ROME (R) - AC Milan's defeat them against lowly rivals such as by Juventus has arch-rivals Inter-nazionale believing they could Genoa. AC Milan look to have a pull off a long odds tightback to relatively simple task to retain the

> title. But Inter, unbeaten in the league since mid-December, draw hope from the fact that in their last six games they have narrowed the gap between the

top two by six points.

Milan have faltered badly since day.

"Inter can only try to win all six unbeaten in the league last unbeaten bear only try to win all six unbeaten in the league last they have not won in month. They have not won in their last six league matches.

"I saw Milan against Juventus and found them in poor physical condition, they're not the side of two months ago," Sosa said. "Having said that however, you have to add that five points in six days seems an impossible task."

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Forget talking things out with others any further today under the three poor aspects that define Hitler's birthday. Best to pitch in and do the job you have agreed to do, in your most efficient mode.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Think about what your commitments are and how best to handle them and later in the day you are able to clearly see just what to do about them.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Don't attempt to get a partner who has fixed ideas to change them in the morning but later that person will be more reasonable and coop-

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You don't see how you will put across the service you want to or from others as the day opens but persist and doors will open wide for you. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can't see your way clear to have the recreation you want but later in the day conditions clear up and you can enjoy your-

LEO: (July 22 August 21) Whatever problems face you at home today, and they can be upsetting. look at them objectively and you will find before the day is out they are solved.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Look into the various schools of thought that appeals to you and after much study you can locate the one best suited for your special

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Don't allow yourself to feel you have a lack of the good things that you desire early in the day for

afterwards you see you are in a SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) In the morning you feel you can do nothing right and that its necessary to force some issues to get your way but hold off doing so until the evening. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You can't seem to

get out from under stewing about a problem early but in the evening you see just how it can be sensibly, rightly handled.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Whatever brings you delays in gaining the personal interests you are working for can break in the evening so don't be discouraged at early obstacles.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You need to use much care in whatever you do in the world of outside activity so think what the public likes and go along that

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You would be unwise to go off on any jaunt today and by tackling means for gaining the data you need you can utilise this day to the best advantage.



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A.—When you made your original takeout double, you promised the equivalent of an opening bid with support for the unbid suits, perticularly majors. Since you have the worst possible holding in the enemy suit, pass. You've described your hand. It's up to partner now.

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you •KQ103 ∇95 ◊QJ762 •103 The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ Dbl 4 ♥ ? What action do you take?

A.—When partner makes a take-out double of one major, he either has four-card support for the other major or extra values. At this vulnerability, East could have little or nothing for the jump to four hearts.

If you pass this type of hand, you are giving the opponents license to steal. Bid four spades.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, is South you hold: ♠A64 ♥J852 ♦A93 ♠AK5 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

· What action do you take? A .- Partner is inviting you to bid. game if you hold a maximum notrump opening bid. Playing 16-18 no trumps, the decision is clearcut-pass. If your range is 15-17, your flat hand and lack of interme-diates again makes pass the wise cicice.

Q.4-East-West vulnerable, as South you hold: 47642 ♥86432 **◊J7** 4A8 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West North East Se 2 4° Dbl ? •—Weak What action do you take?

A.—Your opponents almost surely have a game somewhere, and you could easily make a lot of tricks at a spade contract, perhaps even game if partner has the magic hand. Make life as difficult as possible for the enemy by jumping to four Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: \$53 ♥KQJ10876 ♦95 \$72 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♦ Dbi ? What do you bid now?

A.—When you jump in a new suit over an opponent's takeout double, it's preemptive. How many hearts should you bid? We feel a jump to should you out: we test a jump to three hearts is right on target. That shows the same sort of hand with which you would have opened three hearts had you been in first or sec-

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South **≜**AQ63 ♥7 ♦AQ95 **♣**J1086 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass 1 ♦ Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 **♦** 1 ♥ Pass What do you bid now? -If it were merely a question of

which game you want to play, a

strong argument could be made for a bid of three no trump. However, your hand has distinct alam possi-hilities, and we suggest you alert partner by jumping to four chubs.

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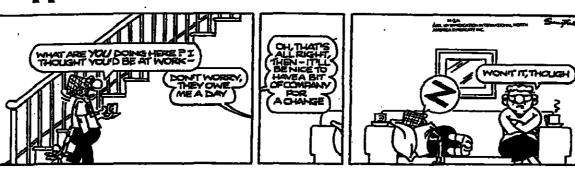








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rage buying after it fell below that

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Index	14.4.93	Close	18.4.93	Close
All-Share	192.95		194.92	
Banking Sector	134.19		135.80	
Insurance Sector	212.12		213.16	
Industry Sector	274.91		277.75	
Services Sector	251.12		251.33	

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

on the London Foreign Exchange and hullion markets Monday.

U.S. \$1,000 costs 1.6130/40 1.8100/10 1.4790/800 33.16/20 5.4500/50 1538/1540 111.00/05 7.4725/825 6.8300/400 6.190X/20XX \$1.5275/85 One sterling One ounce of gold \$340.40/340.90 Canadian dollar **Deutschemarks** Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns

Power loans top Asian borrowing from ADB

MANILA (R) - Power project loans topped borrowing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the second straight year as countries scrambled to head off a looming energy

crunch, the bank said Monday. Total volume of loans rose 6.6 per cent last year to over \$5.10 billion against \$4.80 billion in 1991, the ADB said in a report issued ahead of the 26th annual meeting of the bank's board of

governors in Manila on May 4-6. The energy sector got \$1.49 billion, or 29 per cent of total loans, although that was a lower proportion of total lending than last year. Energy loans were \$1.56 billion or 32.6 per cent of the total in 1991.

A severe power shortage in the Philippines which has derailed economic growth and looming energy shortages in other Asian countries dictated the ADB's lending priorities.

Indonesia topped the list of loan recipients in 1992, swallow-ing up \$1.21 billion of ADB money, including a \$350 million loan for a single power project.

The \$1.5 billion Indonesian project was co-financed by the World Bank, which supplied \$434 million, bilateral assistance from Germany worth \$70 million and export credits valued at \$693 mil-

Jakarta was followed by India. which borrowed \$982 million from the ADB, China with \$903 million, Thailand with \$424 million and Pakistan with \$410 million, the report stated.

Four loans totalling \$591.3 million financed improvements in the transmission and distribution of electricity in India. Thailand and the Philippines. Five developing nations, includ-

ing Pakistan. Cambodia and the Philippines, were provided emergency assistance worth \$161 million, about six times higher than the previous year's figure of \$29 million. Transportation and com-

munications was the second most important sector for ADB funding with \$1.22 billion, followed by infrastructure projects with \$696 million.

The overwhelming majority of loans were for specific projects rather than for industrial sectors or broad development program-

the Arab Bank,

Consultancy firm finds Indonesia most corrupt of ten Asian countries

HONG KONG (AFP) - Senior ness environment. businessmen and bankers have graded Indonesia the most corrupt Asian country, ahead of China and the Philippines, in a recent survey of 10 countries conducted by a Hong Kong-based consultancy.

The March survey of the 10 which also included Hong Kong. Japan, Malaysia. Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, also found that Indonesia's corruption ranking had risen since a similar survey in October

1992. The Political and Economic Risk Consultancy (PERC) said that underhand dealings had been around for so long in Indonesia that it was possible to speak of "a

culture of corruption. China, the Philippines and Thailand also have particularly bad reputation for tolerating the existence of corruption it said

China's rapid economic growth, unfortunately, has been accompanied by a big increase in corruption, with demands for kickbacks becoming much more common and much more exorbitant, PERC said.

"The problem runs right through the system, and although China has been able to use its "cheap land and labour" calls as a lure, the fact is that the hidden costs of doing business in the mainland can be very substantial," it said.
PERC cautioned companies

doing business in and with China not to allow the current euphoria caused by China's impressive economic growth hide the potential for corruption to cause an abrupt change for the worse in the busi- said.

Thailand, rated the most corrupt country in the 1992 survey, is now ranked sixth after Indonesia, China, the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea.

But PERC said recent stock scandals and the ease with which past examples of corruption by public figures were swept under the carpet showed that most changes in Thailand to date had been more cosmetic than substan-

It also said corruption in the Philippines had returned to the type that existed prior to former President Ferdinand Marcos' declaration of martial law two decades ago.

The consultancy said that in some ways corruption in the Philippines has worse than in Indonesia and Thailand because "a businessman often pays and still comes away empty-handed."

"Corruption seems to be used more often to prevent someone else from doing something rather than actually to accomplish something productive. "Consequently it has been a major contributing factor to failed projects, negative policy reversals and economic

stagnation," it said.
PERC said in Malaysia, South Korea and Taiwan there were systems of checks and balances to prevent the blatant abuses typical of the poorer countries of Asia.

The worst abusers of corruption are therefore confined to very high levels in society, usually with the proper political credentials, where the checks and balances are difficult to enforce." it

Bank of France cuts interest rates again

France cut interest rates Monday for the second time in a week, underlining how far the new government has persuaded international investors that it will keep the franc pegged to the German

Economists said further rate cuts, which are needed to help get the economy growing again, may now depend on Germany bringing its rates down too. But some are confident France still has some scope to cut rates independently.

The French central bank cut its intervention rate, which sets the floor on rates charged between banks, to 8.75 per cent from 9.10,

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PARIS (R) - The Bank of the first ease in the rate in five months.

It also cut its emergency fiveto-10 day rate, which puts a ceiling on short-term rates, to 9.75 per cent from 10 per cent. It had cut this from 12 per cent

last Tuesday in a symbolic return to the rates prevailing before January's franc crisis. Analysts had expected more cuts because short-term market rates have tumbled since Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's

centre-right government took power three weeks ago. The outgoing Socialists had had to raise rates to defend the franc against fears the incoming conservatives would ditch the Frnch currency's link to the mark in an attempt to reduce the cost of borrowing without waiting for

inflation-hit Germany's powerful Bundesbank. But Mr. Balladur, who is due Tuesday to unveil plans to give the Bank of France independent control over France's money, has convinced markets he will preserve the franc-mark parity.

powerhouse rise.

The dollar plunged to a historic closing low of 111.00 yen in makers who only a week ago announced a \$117 hillion econo-Tokyo, partly causing a moderate djustment in Tokyo stock prices.

The key factor was U.S. President Bill Clinton's comment Friday that a stronger yen may help correct the vawning U.S.-Japan

Tokyo leaders said the BOJ intervention was no match for Mr. Clinton's comments and had

little impact on the dollar. Government leaders said that too steep a rise in the ven was not good for Japan or the United as a quick fix for Japan's growing

"Looking at the recent cur-

Eurotunnel needs still more money

LONDON (R) — The rail tunnel its operators said Monday.

The actual date of opening the channel tunnel depends on (Anglo-French constructors) TML and its suppliers and subcontractors we can only enforce our contractual rights." Eurotunnel Chairmen Alastair Morton and Andre Benard said in their joint annual statement.

venue projection, last put at £662.5 million (\$1.02 billion).

Transmanche Link (TML) groups the five British and five French construction companies building the tunnel, originally due to open next month at a cost of £4.87 billion (\$7.49 billion at (OOZY S PRICES).

revised to Dec. 15, 1993. ed in a protracted and increasingly bitter dispute over who is

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WEEKEND AT BERNIES

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Muscular yen shrugs off all bids to rein it in Earlier in the day, the BOJ was

good for the United States."

Finance Minister Yoshiro

Havashi told reporters, "It is not

good for Japan either, which is

struggling to boost domestic de-

The yen's gains come at the worst time for Japanese policy

mic rescue plan to ensure recov-

ery from an 18-month downturn.

Dollar-buying intervention by the Bank of Japan did not seem

to chase yen bulls away from the

market. Currency dealers re-

turned from the weekend to find

the dollar plunging from above

112 yen, where it ended in New

market that Japan is standing

alone to stem the yen's rise.

having failed to receive help from

its allies in the Group of Seven

Asked about chances of joint

Kiichi Miyazawa told the Jiji

Press News Agency: "No need

for joint action. Japan should do

The BOJ persistently inter-

vened to buy dollars for yen in

afternoon trade after the curren-

cy hit a historic low of 110.70 yen

and also intervened above [11]

ven, but strong interbank selling

capped sharp gains, banking sources and dealers said.

There was speculation in the

York Friday.

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pounded downwards by irresistiole forces Monday, with neither action by the Bank of Japan (BOJ) nor alarmed words by top officials reining in the yen's

The yen has broken one record

high after another in the last two weeks, and Japan's top policymakers strongly attacked its reentless rise, hoping to prevent further damage to Japanese exporters and to protect the nation's nascent economic recovery.

trade imbalance. intervention to support the dollar against the yen. Prime Minister

States and that it would not serve

trade surplus.

between France and England may need another £850 million (\$1.31 billion) for completion and may not be ready until next year.

Due to the later opening. Eurotunnel, operator of the longprojected tunnel between France and England, slashed its expected 1944 revenues to £260 million (\$340 million) from £504 million (\$775 million) previously.

It did not adjust its 1995 re-

The opening date was later Eurotunnel and TML are lockresponsible for the near doubling

of building costs. total £912 million (\$1.4 billion).

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession

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Irkutsk acts to

safeguard morals

MOSCOW (AFP) — The legislative council for the Siberian res

gion of Irkutsk has begun open

hearings to discuss ways of up-

holding public morals and com-

batting the "propaganda of vio-lence and cruelty." ITAR-TASS said Monday. The hearings were

being attended by teachers, law

enforcement officials and intel-lectuals and were organised by a

special commission set up under the Irkutsk Council for Culture,

Spiritual and Moral Perfection of

Society. Last year the commis-

sion called for the banning of

black magic, sorcerers and so-

territory of the Irkutsk region.

ITAR-TASS said. An initiative

from the commission also led to

the banning of a number of films.

including Empire Of Feeling and

Caligula from local cinemas and

to the creation of the first "moral

police squad" in Russia, the re-

port said. Authorities in various

parts of the Russian Far East

publicly denied rumours last year

that the world was ending soon.

accusing foreign missionaries and

occult practitioners of seeking to

spread panic in society with the

Japanese to have at

TOKYO (AFP) - Japanese

should have at least three chil-

dren to preserve the "competitive

spirit" needed in a market eco-

nomy, the secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) was quoted Monday as saying. "You don't need to have as many as ten, but three to

five," Seiroku Kajiyama was quoted as saying at an LDP semi-

nar on women in Atami, south-

west of here. Mr. Kajiyama, him-

self the youngest in a family of 10 children, said large families fos-

tered a spirit of competition

among children, particularly at

meal times when they fight over

food, newspapers reported. The

Japanese birth rate has been fall-

ing for some time, and stood at 2.9 per thousand last year, too

id according to the government.

Official urges

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Hani buried as gunfire erupts; Mandela blasts government GERMISTON, South Africa ernment of protecting the ex-(Agencies) — Slain black leader treme right as he addressed treme right as he addressed

Chris Hani was lowered into his grave here Monday as gunfire erupted around the South Park Cemetery near Johannesburg.

The firing was started by a uniformed member of the African National Congress (ANC) army. Umkhonto We Sizwe. who fired four pistol shots into the air. The shooting continued with automatic rifle fire being identified as the coffin was lowered. After Mr. Hani's body was buried. ANC official Tokyo Sex-

wale appealed for people in the crowd to cease shooting. "We are issuing an order for people to cease firing." Mr. Sex-

wale said. Mr. Hani. assassinated 10 days ago in his home in Boksburg near Johannesburg, was laid to rest as the crowd of several thousand -sang a song of tribute.

ANC President Nelson Mandela threw a single red carnation and sand into the grave. as did

several other leading figures of the movement as they filed past. Earlier Monday, Mr. Mandela bitterly accused the Pretoria govtroversial legislation last Octo-A member of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement. Janusz Walus, has been charged with gunning down Mr. Hani and Clive Derby-Lewis, the top English-speaker in the main-

100,000 mourners who turned out

In a speech at a packed soccer

stadium. Mr. Mandela railed at

President F.W. De Klerk for

granting a broad amnesty to

South Africans accused of politic-

al crimes, including members of

the security forces, through con-

Monday to bury Mr. Hani.

with the case Saturday. While radicals denounced by the ANC as agents provocateurs traded automatic weapons fire with police outside the stadium. Mr. Mandela lambasted the

stream Afrikaans Conservative

Party was arrested in connection

"It granted a licence to kill the man who wished to plunge this country into a racial war." he

summoning the State Security

sed for.

without fear of punishment."

And he warned: "We do not

will not accept that a murder can

be committed and the assassin

"The criminals are investigating themselves." he said. When the ANC had first spoken of a third force behind the wave of

killing that hit the Johannesburg

area in July 1990 it was ridiculed.

he recalled, using the ANC term

for covert agents working to de-

rail the peace process through

with golden handshakes, but

neither we nor the country know

what activities they were dismis-

political assassinations.

can plead political indemnity.

say we cannot control our forces. We are not cattle to be control-And he said: "We the victims

you for the very acts that take our lives, yet you treat the far right with kid gloves."

continues to exist. For the ordinary black people of this country, when... gunmen rampaged apartheid is alive and well." he through Sebokeng last night." he

But he was careful to link the anger to the campaign of mass recognising the killers and de-action the ANC announced Fri-manding to know what they were day to put pressure on democracy doing, witnesses said. negotiators to come up with a the erd of May.

to govern." he said. "We want the eve of Hani's burial."

"Through this legislation they the installation of a Transitional were told that they could murder Executive Council with one purpose and one purpose alone:To ensure that free and fair elections recognise such indemnity. We are held in the shortest possible time." Meanwhile angry black youths

vowed vengeance for the massacre of 19 people in Johannesburg's Sebokeng township, saying they knew who was responsible but the police would not act.

These are political thugs. We know who they are but the problem is even if we can tell the police where they are they will never be arrested," a township youth said

'It is the duty of the youths to "Now both South Africa and the world has recognised not only take the law into our own hands." the existence of that same third Police said they did not know force but also the extent of its the motive for the massacre and offered a 250,000 rand (\$80,000) reward for information leading to army and police force generals the arrest of the killers.

The massacre began when the gunmen knocked on the door of a township house, demanded keys to a car parked outside and after He slammed Mr. De Klerk for being given them, shot dead the reacting to Mr. Hani's death by car-owner and his wife.

For the next three hours they Council to see how best black opened fire at random from the anger could be controlled. car in nine other sections of the "Why deploy troops against township leaving a trail of dead car in nine other sections of the the mourners," he asked. "They and wounded in their wake, police and witnesses said.

Whoever they found they shot," said a youth, one of several angry young men who vowed of violence have been blamed by the massacre would be avenged. Addressing the 80,000 people gathered to mourn Mr. Hani at

the stadium. Mr. Mandela ques-Black lives are cheap and will tioned why the police were so remain so as long as apartheid slow to react to the massacre. "Where were the police

> asked. One man was shot 12 times after

Joseph Kekana, of the African date for a non-racial election by National Congress, said the killers were known thugs "whose This government is illegiti- duty was to sow mayhem and mate, unrepresentative and unfit destruction in the township on



Members of Umkhonto-We Sizwe, the ANC milit-

ary wing, carry the coffin of the assassinated South

Srebrenica officials block evacuation

SARAJEVO (R) — Authorities in Srebrenica refused to allow civilians to be evacuated from the Muslim town Monday and the commander of its Bosnian Serb besiegers said his troops would not withdraw under a ceasefire.

As the moves cast a shadow over efforts to ease the plight of thousands of refugees in the east Bosnian town. Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozvrev called for a high-level meeting of the Security Council on the Yugoslav conflict and suggested foreign ministers could hold it in Srebrenica or Saraievo.

Encouraged by the success of U.N. helicopters which ferried 133 badly wounded or sick people from Srebrenica Sunday under a ceasefire plan agreed by military commanders, the U.N. refugee agency sent a 19-truck convoy towards the town.

But 10 of the lorries - lightly loaded to leave room for some of the 30,000 refugees trapped in Srebrenica by the year-old Serb siege — had to turn back empty. The nine trucks carrying food still awaited Serb clearance to move

"We have received confirmation that the Bosnian authorities in Srebrenica will not permit any evacuation," a U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spokeswoman in Bel-

UNHCR spokesman Peter Kessler told reporters in Sarajevo the authorities were demanding said at the weekend. that 157 seriously wounded people — many of them amputees in the agency's relief convoys plying

Sunday morning. It seemed to be holding as 140 Canadian and a number of civilians in the peacekeeping soldiers prepared town of Kiseljak in central Bosto start disarming Srebrenica's nia. Croatian radio said Muslims Muslim defenders as agreed in the U.N.-brokered truce. "We are pleased to note that

the ceasefire was respected absolutely yesterday." said Urs Boegthe International Committee of the Red Cross coordinator in former Yugoslavia.

General Philippe Morillon, commander of U.N. peacekeeping forces in Bosnia, said Sunday night that the besieging troops would withdraw as soon as Srebrenica was demilitarised.

But the Bosnian Serbs' military commander, General Ratko Mladic, denied he had agreed to a withdrawal.

The Bosnian Serb News Agency (SRNA) quoted him as saying: The agreement says that combat operations are frozen at current lines around Srebrenica, and I assumed the attitude that nobody is allowed to violate the agree-A three-week-old ceasefire

across the rest of Bosnia deteriorated further. The focus of the violence remained central Bosnia, where Muslim and Croat forces have fought pitched battles that have killed scores of people since Friday. "We are very concerned about

the potboiler in central Bosnia,"

Commander Barry Frewer, U.N. military spokesman in Sarajevo. Commander Kessler said all

detonated a car bomb in Vitez that killed many civilians but this could not be independently confirmed. The government army accused Bosnian Croat authorities of

The ceasefire took effect early (HINA) reported that a Muslim

trying to destroy Bosnia-Hérzegovina as a state.

In Moscow, Interfax News Agency quoted Mr. Kozyrev as saying an alternative to a meeting of the Security Council foreign ministers would be to reconvene the London conference which launched the Yugoslav peace process last year.

Mr. Kozyrev said outside military intervention in the war was not on the agenda - "there is no point in creating illusions."
The Bosnian Serbs showed no

sign of easing their refusal to accept the international peace plan which would turn Bosnia into virtually autonomous provinces along ethnic lines. If they do not agree to the plan

approved by the Security Council will take effect against Serbianled Yugoslavia, which is thought to have influence over the Bosnian Serbs. Peace envoy Lord Owen said

by April 26, new sanctions

he hoped the sanctions would stop the fighting but urged governments to consider interven-

"At the moment the Serbs are still taking territory and they are not being checked." he said. "So s up to the governments of the

Japanese say gangsters are a

TOKYO (R) — Nearly one in four young Japanese men believes that hiring gangsters to settle disputes is a necessary evil. according to a survey published in newspapers Monday. About 23 per cent of men and 17 per cent of women in their 20s said that relying on gangsters to extort money or force out-of-court settlements with the use or threat of violence was "bad but cannot be helped" or else "not had." the survey showed. The survey, conducted by the prime minister's office, canvassed 3,000 people nationwide about organised crime. About one in four young men approved of paying gangs-ters extortion money if they asked for it and about the same number said they would hesitate to cooperate as a witness if they saw a gang member commit a crime or suspicious act. Asked why some Japanese had recourse to organised crime to settle their grievances, about four in 10 said that the courts took too long or that going to the police was too troublesome. The poll comes a year after the enactment of legal curbs on the activities of Japan's "yakuza" gangsters. Before the anti-organised crime law came into effect in March 1992, police

Marcos' son weds

used violence to intimidate vic-

MANILA (AP) — The late presi-

dent Ferdinand Marcos' only son married his Filipino fiancee in Italy this weekend, his staff announced Monday. Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., 35, a member of the Philippine House of Representatives, married Louise Araneta Saturday at the Chapel of St. Francis in Fiesole, Italy, his staff said. But Imelda Marcos, his mother, said she wasn't invited and was shocked at the news which came out in two nationallycirculated newspapers Monday. I was surely surprised at the news item," Mrs. Marcos said in a statement, "In the case of Bong-Bong's wedding, as his mother, I will pray for the best." The groom's two sisters, Imee and Irene, attended the wedding. family sources said. Mrs. Marcos is in Manila facing several civil and criminal suits filed by the government of Corazon Aquino, who was installed as president

China reportedly has 'nuclear city' in **Tibet**

a Soweto soccer stadium (AFP photo)

ANC President Nelson Mandela pays his tast respects to slain South

African Communist Party (SACP) leader Chris Hani, lying in state at

uses a top-secret nuclear city in the Tibetan plateau as its primary research centre and has deployed nuclear missiles in at least three sites in the semi-autonomous province, according to a report released Monday.

The International Campaign for Tibet (ITC) also reported that the Chinese have plans to build a nuclear reactor in Lhasa, use forced prison labour at the nuclear sites and threaten regional stability with the missiles deployed in Tibet.

'China's positioning of nuclear and non-nuclear weapons on the Tibetan plateau has put many of India's major industrial and military facilities within striking dis-tance of short-range missiles," said the report entitled Nuclear Tibet.

The Washington-based organisation formed in 1988 to monitor human rights in Tibet said its report was based on interviews with Chinese nuclear experts, government officials, two ITC fact-finding missions and Tibetans, who the group says are being poisoned by radiation.

The nuclear city was also "dumping an unknown quantity of radioactive nuclear waste according to the group which said it had received "credible reports of illness and death to Tibetans near uranium mines."

Quoting the Tibet Information Network in London. ITC cited an example of a town near a mine in Ngaba province where 35 of the 500 residents have died from drinking water polluted by nuclear waste in the past three years.

'China's nuclear programme is only a fraction of the size of those in the United States and the ex-Soviet Union ... But in areas of nuclear proliferation, lack of worker safety and irresponsible waste disposal. China's record is as poor or even worse than those of other nuclear powers," said

The Chinese government denied Monday the existence of the top-secret nuclear research centre and nuclear weapons on the Tibetan plateau within striking distance of India.

The government's Nuclear Safety Administration also denied the death of 35 people near uraninum mines cited in a report

This is impossible. I have never heard anything about this." an administration spokesman told

The Defence Ministry declined to comment on the report.

Court in Chechenya slaps **Dudayev's decrees**

Hanoi general denies

General John Vessey heard it House envoy: "The intelligence

from the horse's mouth Monday service which made this report

writing PoW report

day the president had violated the calm. Agency reported.

between supporters and foes of months ago.

President Dzokhar Dudayev, a But public discontent has been Force general.

him of trying to carry out a coup with a series of decrees he issued capital Grozny.

Interfax said supporters and lies in the city centre and quoted cies.

- Vietnamese ex-army General

not write report on U.S. prison-

"He gave us some important

information... We're working hard," Gen. Vessey told reporters after an hour-long meeting

with Gen. Quang in a chande-liered room at Hanoi's army

Did Gen. Quang write the con-

troversial 1972 report to the

Communist Party politburo on the number of U.S. prisoners

Hanoi then held? "He says not."

"The guy writing that report

was not Vietnamese at all." Gen.

Quang, 76, told reporters, sug-

gesting it may have been the

Russian intelligence service.

He did his best to convince Gen.

Vessey - and the press - that he

was not the author of the 1972

document which surfaced in a

New York Times report last

than it was acknowledging.

A Russian translation of the

purported document was found in

Soviet Communist Party archives

in Moscow, the New York Times

Gen. Quang told reporters af-

ter meeting Gen. Vessey that the

document was a forgery and the

figures of U.S. prisoners of war it

gave were higher than the U.S.

though he could not say why.

Gen. Vessey replied.

with Hanoi.

Tran Van Quang told him he did vice.

MOSCOW (R) — The Constitu-tional Court in the rebel Russian force might be used against them. region of Chechnya ruled Mon- So far the city has been reported

constitution by dissolving the Chechnya, one of the most legislature and imposing pres-idential rule, Interfax News northern Caucasus region, used gency reported. to be part of a broader territory
It was not immediately clear known as Checheno-Ingushetia whether the ruling would have before it broke away from Russia any effect on the power struggle and declared independence 18

flamboyant former Soviet Air rising for months as living standards fall. Gen. Dudayev im-Parliament moved Sunday to posed the curfew after two days impeach Gen. Dudayev, accusing of demonstrations during which people called for his resignation.

Chechen leaders have said the the previous day, including a territory will not take part in the midnight-to-dawn curfew in the April 25 referendum on power across the Russia Federation when voters will be invited to say opponents of Mr. Dudavey were if they support Russian President planning to continue separate ral- Boris Yeltsin and his reform poli-

was a very bad intelligence ser-

the reason for such a forgery.

advances in relations between Vietnam and the United States

and cooperation in solving the

MIA (missing in action) issue and that

cooperation in U.S. efforts to

account fully for more than 2.000

servicemen missing in Indochina

from the Vietnam War, which

On his verdict may hinge a

of Asia's most promising emerg-

story broke, investigating the re-

port became Gen. Vessey's top

Gen. Vessey was expected to

indicate his verdict on the issue

after meeting Vietnamese Presi-

dent Le Duc Anh. He returns to

Washington later to report to Mr.

When the New York Times

ended in 1975.

ing economies.

priority.

Clinton.

The document said North Viet- decision by Mr. Clinton on

nam held 1,205 prisoners at a whether to lift Washington's eco-time when it said it held 368 — nomic embargo against Hanoi

implying Hanoi had hundreds and establish relations, enabling

more Americans behind bars U.S. firms to do business in one

relations soon," he said.

"But I think it's a way to hinder

General Vessey."

Italians back reform by huge majority

referendum has been approved by a landslide, an exit poll reported Monday, with as many as 83 per cent of voters saying "yes" to sweeping electoral reform.

The poll, for RAI state television, was released minutes after voting ended in the two-day referendum, and is regarded by analysts as a reliable indication.

The extent of the "ves" vote as suggested by the Doxa Research Group exit poll exceeded even the most daring of forecasts by the referendum's backers, who had been looking for a minimum

desperate need of surgery — the key corridor into central Bosshould be taken out by helicopter nia from the Adriatic coast had before the others could start leav-ing. been held up by fighting. world ... Are they going to be rolled over by the Serbs?" ROME (R) - Italy's watershed

Another peacekeeper killed in Cambodia PHNOM PENH (R) — A Bulgarian soldier serving with U.N. peacekeeping forces in Cambodia was killed and two were injured Monday when a grenade hit their vehicle as they rushed to relieve a village under Khmer Rouge porters.

attack. He was the ninth peacekeeper, four of them Bulgarian, to be killed in Cambodia in the past three weeks.

sonnel carrier was hit by an anti- Falt said.

tank grenade when it entered the Phnom Penh, a spokesman for the U.N. Transitional Authority

lage in Samrong Tong district for two hours Monday morning with mortars, automatic weapons and

He said the Khmer Rouge was village of New Oral in Kompong apparently trying to attack gov-Spoe province 35 kilometres from ernment forces in the village, But because the village con-

tained a U.N. district headquarin Cambodia (UNTAC) told re- ters staffed by five UNTAC workers, a commander in the One hundred and fifty Khmer provincial capital sent two Rouge guerrillas attacked the vil- armoured personnel carriers to

"Upon reaching the village one of the armoured personnel car-The Bulgarians' armoured per- B-40 rockets, spokesman Eric riers (APC) was hit by an antitank grenade," Mr. Falt said.

King case officer says he received a fair trial

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) -The police sergeant convicted in the Rodney King civil rights case said on television that he had. received a fair trial. "The system works," Sergeant

Stacey Koon said Sunday night as Asked who was responsible, ers that has caused new friction he said: "You can ask the Rusfears of violence in Los Angeles sian intelligence service or ask abated after the trial and National Guard troops were ordered to stand down. He said he did not understand

The troops were deployed a week ago in case of a repeat of the rioting that broke out last April when Sgt. Koon and three other white policemen were acquitted in a state court over the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King.
A second trial — this time in a

causes misunderstanding between two peoples who wish normal federal court - resulted in Sgt. It had also caused suffering to Koon and one officer being conthe families of Americans still victed Saturday and two others acquitted on civil rights charges listed as missing in action, Gen. Quang said.
U.S. President Bill Clinton stemming from Mr. King's 1992 asked Gen. Vessey to come to Hanoi to assess Vietnamese

The sergeant and Laurence Powell, who delivered the most baton blows, face up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 each in

Sgt. Koon, the most senior of the four officers, was the first to speak to the media. He said on the television show

A Current Affair that he had received nothing less than a fair "I'm not here to badmouth the system. I'm not here to badmouth

the jurors," he said. But, alluding to the earlier acquittals sparking bloody rioting, Sgt. Koon added: "The jurors in this particular case were

under a tremendous amount of

stress. This was a very highprofile case." The tool from last year's violence was 53 dead and nearly \$1 billion in damage.

Los Angeles officials told California's Governor Pete Wilson that the threat of riots over the latest trial had evaporated and he issued orders Sunday for the 600 National Guard troops to stand

"There is a general calm in the city and they are no longer needed," said Kevin Eckery, a spokesman for the governor.

Police continued to blanket the streets. But officials said Police Chief Willie Williams was considering scaling back the massive show of force. Sgt. Koon's defence lawyer, Ira

Salzman, has vowed to appeal against his conviction, contending that the jurors' views were tainted by their worries about sparking racial unrest. However, members of the jury who have appeared anonymously on television have insisted that

they were not affected by fears of From the pulpits of inner-city churches, politicians and religious leaders rejoiced Sunday over the

As life returned to normal in most parts of Los Angeles, Police Chief Williams said there was a new threat because many people had "armed themselves to the teeth" in preparation for riots that never happened.

"Our biggest fear is that these guns in the hands of amateurs are going to raise the death count," he said on television.

Meanwhile a Chinese-American proud of his liberal views and a rich businessman known as the and have-nots." Ross Perot of Los Angeles are second largest city prepared to elect a new mayor Tuesday.

Michael Woo, the 41-year-old say, is the increasingly rundown

grandson of immigrants from state of his district in Hollywood, China, has been consistently long the West Coa ahead in the polis, but his lead glitz and glamour.

The prize they are seeking is no sinecure — getting Los Angeles back on its feet socially and economically after two years during which the King case hung over the city like a dark cloud. Politically, Mr. Woo and Mr.

Riordan are poles apart. Mr. Woo makes no objections to being described as an ideological liberal who believes the government has a responsibility to intervene on behalf of the poor. He looks to unite the city's ethnic factions, notably Asian.

black and Hispanic in much the same fashion as outgoing Mayor Tom Bradley, who has been on the job for 10 years. Mr. Woo has been a frequent visitor to those ethnic neighbour-

hoods in south central Los Angeles which bore the brunt of last year's rioting after the acquittal in the first King beating trial. And he led a campaign that led to the resignation of the combative chief of the Los Angeles Police, Darryl Gates.

Mr. Woo made it clear after the new King verdict issued Saturday where his affinities lay. The verdict didn't produce

any jobs... That is the unfinished business ahead of us," Mr. Woo told a gathering of blacks. "We need to continue the movement for change and reform and to close the gap between the haves

His opponents counter that the frontrunners as America's Mr. Woo is big on ideas but lost when it comes to applying them. The best example of this, they

long the West Coast symbol of

has dwindled as multi-millionaire
Richard Riordan invested a large
chunk of his fortune in the race.

According to one disgruntled resident writing to the Los
Angeles Times, the famous suburb has been in steady decline over the last four years. "Gang members selling crack on every corner, prostitutes and vagrants everywhere, garbage and graffiti littering the streets. Would you live here Mr. Woo? I think not."

That is where Mr. Riordan comes in with his strong right-wing emphasis on law and order coupled with strong faith in the entrepreneurial spirit and the free market system.

Mr. Riordan has the backing of former U.S. President and California resident Ronald Reagan and several members of the Republican Party establishemnt have spoken on his behalf. That, coupled with the \$3 million of his own money he has

spent Perot-style on the campaign has seen him emerge from the pack as the standard bearer of the conscivatives. But observers here said that Mr. Riordan would suffer most

from the peaceful reaction to the verdict in the second King trial and the calls for ethnic harmony which accompanied it. A total of 24 candidates are

running in the first round of voting which will lead to a run-off on June 8 between the leading two if no one gets an outright

A runoff seems likely, with the latest poll giving Mr. Woo and Mr. Riordan just 13 per cent and 10 per cent of the vote respectively. No one else was able to get more than three per cent as voter disaffection remained high.

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following the February 1986 revolt that toppled Mr. Marcos.